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Petition demand on overgrown garden



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Dancing grannies on way to stardom



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## College to get arts centre in revamp

A PERFORMING arts centre, catering for hundreds of students, will be the next phase of a multi-million pound transformation of Halesowen College.

It will provide teaching rooms and rehearsal space for students on music, drama and dance courses and will be built at the Whittingham Road campus.

It is the latest stage at the site which is seeing £20million invested in replacing outdated buildings.

The college has been struggling to provide enough space for the growing number of students taking performing arts courses. Some are currently having to travel off campus to use facilities at Benjamins, a function and conference hall, in the town centre.

The venue is used by students for daytime sound checks and performances. Some lectures take place on campus.

Bosses said having on-site teaching rooms will cut costs for both students and the college.

It's estimated that from September more than 200 students would have to use facilities at Benjamins.

As well as up to six classrooms, the building will have a performance hall with viewing gallery, which could be used for art shows.

## Blade-threat girl runs off

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl was threatened by a man in Dudley. She was walking along Bushey Fields Road, near Russells Hall Hospital when he approached her.

He grabbed her and threatened her with what police are describing as a 'bladed instrument' but she got away at around 7.30pm on Sunday.

The man is described as black with a light complexion. He has short afro styled hair, a thin moustache and was wearing a distinctive yellow tracksuit top.

# DELIGHT OVER FOUNTAIN PLAN

A 'GUARDIAN' of Dudley's landmark water fountain has welcomed plans to bring it back to life.

Repair work will take place on the 19th century monument in Dudley High Street to enable it to dispense water again. It has been out of order for almost 50 years and traders have long called for it to be restored.

The £150,000 restoration project, which has been announced by Dudley Council, was welcomed by Iris Reed, aged 75, who has campaigned for the fountain to be repaired.

Mrs Reed, who has become known as the Keeper of the Fountain and regular gives talks on its history to community groups, said: "I am very pleased."

"This is what I have wanted for a long time. The fountain has not worked properly since 1965. "It will be absolutely wonderful when it is repaired and working again. It's very exciting."

Council bosses said repairs will enable the fountain, which is described as 'a central and prominent part of the town's character', to be enjoyed for many years to come.

### Concerns

It was given to the town by the Earl of Dudley and opened by the Earl and Countess in 1867.

In 1996, Prince Charles expressed concern about its state when he visited the Black Country.

Last year traders on Dudley Market called for action following concerns about pigeons roosting on the feature and called for it to be cleaned up.

As part of the work on the fountain, which is made

By Heather Large

of red and grey granite and Portland stone, bird deterrents will be installed to keep birds away.

Coloured glass in the panels of the central dome will be reset and the water basins will be restored.

New pipe work will be installed to enable the fountain to dispense water again which will also be regulated during windy days to avoid spray soaking the surrounding area.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The Earl of Dudley donated the fountain to the people of Dudley in 1867 and it has remained a central and prominent part of the town's character ever since."

"We want to protect this historic installation for many generations to come so it's fantastic that funding is making this restoration possible."

"I would like to thank all our businesses, shoppers and visitors for their patience as we undertake the exciting restoration work of Dudley town centre."

The work forms part of the £6.7m redevelopment of Dudley's historic market place.

The first phase of the scheme was completed earlier this month.

## Fans go wild for visit by Union J



Joy for Union J fans, from left, Natalie Pearce, aged 14, Kerry and Jack Welch, 10, and Zoe Welch, 15, all from Brierley Hill

HORDES of teenagers descended on a record store in Merry Hill shopping centre to catch a glimpse of heartthrob boyband Union J.

The X Factor boys, JJ, Josh, George and Jaymi, stopped off at HMV shop on Monday during the promotional tour for their new single Tonight (We Live Forever).

They caused a screaming gathering of excitable fans to form out of the front door and out into the Brierley Hill shopping centre.

Josh Cuthbert, 22, said: "This is the first day of signing for our first single off of our second album."

"We spend a lot of time in the studio and

doing things like that so it's nice to get out here and see the girls and guys, who support us."

The band's last album, Union J, reached number six in the albums chart.

Josh said: "The album won't be out until the end of the year or maybe next year", but the single was released yesterday."

Back out in the store, the fans waited patiently for the band to arrive in a hail of ear-piercing screams with their copy of the single in hand. It is currently at number five in the singles chart.

Zoe Welch, 15, from Brierley Hill said: "My favourite song is their new song, I really love it."



Union J with Ellie Fisher

## Agreement is signed over deal on garden

CAMPAIGNERS have struck a deal to buy a historic walled garden which dates back to the 18th century - but face a fundraising drive to complete the sale.

Members of Halesowen Abbey Trust signed an agreement with the owners of the Grade I listed garden at The Leasowes park.

They have been holding talks over recent weeks with site owners Birmingham Metropolitan College in a bid to safeguard the future of the garden.

Spokesman Mick Freer said that contracts had been exchanged for the near two acre site.

But now they have to find £20,000 to complete the purchase within three months to seal the deal.

Other parties have also inquired about the site, according to Mr Freer, but he said the group is keen it does not slip into private hands.

Trust members have already secured a £10,000 donation by Halesowen developer A & J Mucklow Group. They are working on ways to raise the money needed by mid-October.

The garden was abandoned around 18 months ago when Stourbridge College moved its horticultural centre for students with learning disabilities to Kidderminster.

## Man rescued after 20ft fall

A MAN was rescued after falling 20ft down a steep embankment at Wren's Nest Nature Reserve.

Paramedics were called to the Dudley site on Sunday afternoon to help the man, who was in his 30s and had suffered back and abdominal injuries. A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said bystanders alerted them.

"Crews located the man 20ft down a steep slope," he said. The man was taken to Russells Hall Hospital.



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# Man, 22, burgled his cousin's home

A MAN has been jailed for burgling his cousin's home while his partner in crime escaped a prison sentence after a judge heard how he hoped to study philosophy.

Chad Fellows and Chad Welch burst through the unlocked back door of the property in Cowdrey Close, Amblescote, before taking valuables worth £2,470. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. A

neighbour spotted the pair loading up a blue Escort van and she made a note of the registration number. The vehicle was later found empty in Lower Gornal but could be forensically linked to Fellows.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said both denied involvement but later pleaded guilty to burglary.

Defending Fellows, Miss Rachel Harris said he had acted on impulse

because he had debts to pay. Fellows, of The Broadway, Dudley, was 'shocked and embarrassed' by what he had done, she said, particularly as some of the family had cut off contact with his mother as a result.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending Welch, also of The Broadway, described him as an intelligent young man who had completed his A levels and hoped to study philosophy at

university. The pizza delivery man was a published poet but had 'got in with the wrong people'.

Jailing 22-year-old Fellows for nine months, Recorder Derek Chinnery told him: "I see you very much as the prime mover." Welch was given a six-month prison sentence suspended for 12 months and ordered to do 125 hours' unpaid work and pay £1,180 compensation.

# Building begins on derelict factory site

A NEGLECTED and overgrown former industrial site in Brierley Hill is undergoing a makeover as part of a housing scheme.

Work on transforming the disused Lloyds Ltd metalworks, off Brettell Lane, has got under way.

Residents had been concerned after the site had fallen into disrepair but now piles of rubble, weeds and broken concrete are being replaced by homes Housebuilder Taylor

## Pub battle is stepped up by group

A GROUP campaigning to stop a Dudley pub from being replaced by a supermarket hope to get more than a thousand signatures on its petition.

The Save the Seven Stars group met in the Sedgley pub and restaurant last week and set up a committee to lead the fight.

Morrisons has approached pub owners Marston's about buying the building in Gospel End Road.

### Councillor

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting and agreed that the committee should meet Sedgley UKIP councillor Bill Etheridge to discuss the campaign.

Mr Etheridge has said he is against the loss of the pub and is worried that a new supermarket could hit local independent traders.

Committee member Zoe Huddleston, of Southview Road, said more than 800 people had already signed petition in shops in the centre of Sedgley and on the Brownswall estate in a bid to save the popular pub.

More than 480 people have also joined the Save the Seven Stars group on Facebook.

## Mini is a memorial on wheels



George Marsh has decorated his Mini with a tribute to the soldiers of the First World War

A MINI enthusiast has come up with a unique way of paying his respects to the soldiers who lost their lives during the First World War — while also raising money for the Royal British Legion.

George Marsh, 59, from Kingswinford, bought the car for just £350 two years ago and has spent 18 months turning it into a tribute to the fallen soldiers of the war.

Mr Marsh had help from his son, Brian, a mechanic and car painter, who also owns a vintage Mini.

Together, the pair stripped down the car

and re-painted the exterior, including a huge poppy on the roof and further poppies and images of soldiers on the side panels.

Mr Marsh said: "We're a bit Mini-mad to be honest. We have four Minis in the family. "We stripped it down so that it was just a shell with an engine and then did the panels and put it all back together. It was originally bought for my granddaughter but she wanted a modern car so I had it instead."

Anyone who wants to use the Mini for fundraising purposes can contact Mr Marsh at [georgermarsh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:georgermarsh@blueyonder.co.uk)

# Builder in court on duping charges

A BUILDER has appeared in court accused of conning customers, failing to complete jobs and refusing to return their money.

Richard Knight is alleged to have defrauded three residents in the Sedgley and Kingswinford areas, continuing his fraudulent trading for more than a year.

Knight, aged 45, of Pinfold Street, Darlaston, pleaded not guilty to eight charges of fraud and another of participating in a fraudulent business.

He also denied two charges of theft and another of engaging in an aggressive commercial practice.

Most of the alleged offences are said to have taken place in 2011, starting in February and continuing into early 2012.

One of the fraud charges alleges that to make a gain for himself he made a representation to the Express & Star which he knew was untrue and misleading namely that Muddy Boots and Gardens was a trading name of A Salter when the business was, in fact, his.

Recorder Derek Chinnery remanded him on unconditional bail next May when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

His trial is scheduled to last for two weeks.

## Butterflies at celebrations

A PARTY with a butterfly theme has been held to celebrate the 35th anniversary of a disability club.

The event for Lye and Wollescote Disabled Club on August 2 included songs from Kenny and catering from Andor.

The club was founded by Harold Bolter in 1979, started with funds from a huge jumble sale, organised by friends and neighbours.

Monthly meetings are held with entertainment and a supper. Only five have been missed in 35 years due to bad weather and once because of a venue problem.

## Lifeboat boost

COLLECTIONS for Brierley Hill and Kingswinford branch of lifeboat charity RNLI has raised £543. They took place on August 9. On October 17 members of the Aberdovey Lifeboat Crew will be at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club to talk about their work.

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# Derelict pub to be site for housing

A DERELICT pub in Dudley, which has been lying empty for more than five years, will be demolished to make way for new homes after plans were approved.

Freebodies Tavern, St John's Road, will be knocked down and replaced with 10 two and three bedroom homes after consent was granted by Dudley Council.

People living near the boarded-up pub in Kates Hill have long called for it to be smartened up.

The building opposite St John's Church has been vandalised and there have been problems with fly-tipping.

Developer, Alps Developments Midlands Limited, will build five two-bed and five three-bed homes on the site, in three terraced blocks.

A report by council planning officer Vijay Kaul said: "This development offers an opportunity to remove the currently unsightly public house and surroundings."

It added: "The proposal respects the character and distinctiveness of the area and would not have a detrimental impact on the setting of either the Grade II listed St John's Church or the locally listed St John's church hall."

# Charity trek to raise funds

A 67-YEAR-OLD man from Halesowen is going to be pushed to the limit as he treks up one of the highest mountains in the world for charity.

John Bendall, of Wassell Road, is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, after a number of close friends battle the disease.

Mr Bendall has already raised around £3,500 but hopes to top £4,000 after completing his trek. He will be going on September 26 with other fundraisers. Visit [www.justgiving.com/John-Bendall](http://www.justgiving.com/John-Bendall) to donate.

# Fault closes pool

THE leisure pool at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre was left out of action on Monday due to a fault was on one of the valves responsible for maintaining adequate water levels. The small pool remained open for lane swimming only while repairs took place.

# Images issued of man wanted over bus assault



An image of a man wanted over the

THIS man is being sought by police in connection with an assault on a woman on a bus.

CCTV images have been released in a bid to trace the man after the incident on the number 87 bus travelling through Dudley town centre.

Police say the man got on the double decker at the town's bus station at the same time as the 20-year-old woman.

Officers believe he allowed her to get on in front of him before choosing to sit down next to her,

despite there being several free seats downstairs.

The man got close to the young woman before leaning across and touching her leg.

She shouted out at him but he refused to move, forcing her to push past him to report the incident to the driver.

The woman got off the bus before making her way to a police station to report the crime.

Detective sergeant Emma Holder said: "It would appear that this young woman was tar-

geted, as there were other seats available on the bus.

"We want to trace the man captured on CCTV so that he can be spoken with regarding the allegation.

"Anyone who recognises the man is urged to come forward with his name or encourage him to present himself to police."

Police say the incident happened shortly after 7.40pm on May 31 but have only just released details of it.



The man wanted by police

# A-level effort pays off as students celebrate results

By Heather Large and Charlie Benton

**STUDENTS** across Dudley borough have been celebrating another bumper crop of A-level results, although the pass rate nationally has fallen for the first time in more than 30 years.

Despite the drop, the proportion of results with the highest grades across the country has risen.

A decision to scrap the January exam session, which has cut the chances students have to re-sit papers, coupled with a move by students to opt for traditional subjects favoured by universities, is likely to have had an impact on results, experts say.

At Bishop Milner Catholic School, Dudley, there was a pass rate of 99 per cent with 38.4 per cent of students achieving grades A\* to B.

The top performing student was Kishan Patel, who achieved three A\*s and two As and will be studying medicine at the University of Birmingham

## Successes

Sixth form progress leader David Handy said: "On behalf of the directors and staff of the college we would like to congratulate all of our sixth form students on their examination results."

At King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, there was a pass rate of 99.1 per cent with 60 per cent getting A\*, A or B grades.

Principal Sharon Phillips said it was a day to celebrate the successes of the students and paid tribute to the hard work of both students and staff.

At Hagley Catholic High School there was also a 99 per cent pass rate with 35 per cent of grades being A\* to B.

Headteacher Ted Hammond said: "Once again our A-level students have done both themselves and their families proud. Their commitment, combined with that of my highly professional and dedicated teaching staff, persist in proving a winning combination."

Birmingham Metropolitan College was celebrating an overall pass rate of 95.3 per cent.

Among those with top grades was Sanjeevan Jheeta, aged 18 from Oldbury, who



Jumping for joy . . . students from Edgecliff School, Kinver, celebrate after receiving their A-level results

attends the Stourbridge campus. "I knew I wanted to come to Stourbridge to study A-levels and most of my friends came here," he said.

"I got an A in maths, A\* in accounts and a B in business studies which has secured me a place at Leicester University to do a maths degree so that I can become an actuary - someone who calculates insurance risks and premiums."

At Halesowen College 30 subjects achieved a pass rate of 100 per cent, including biology, French and history.

Principal Keith Bate said he was proud and delighted and congratulated the highly professional and committed staff who had provided the most effective support available so that students could achieve their aims.

Among the students achieving high

grades was Ryan Asbury, who got an A\* in photography and As in fine art and graphic communication.

Dudley College's students were told their performance over the past two years had delivered an exceptional set of results by achieving a 98 per cent pass rate - equal to the overall national rate.

The class of 2014 achieved a 100 per cent pass rate in 27 of the 33 subjects taught with students securing 100 per cent pass rates in music, fine art, drama and dance. While students studying English, history, sociology, law, economics and psychology have also been very successful.

Principal Lowell Williams said: "We're delighted that we've maintained the 98 per cent A-level pass rate we established last year. To see an increase in the number of subjects where our students are securing

a 100 per cent pass rate demonstrates the commitment and dedication of students and staff alike.

"I, along with the staff, would like to congratulate our A-level students knowing that their time with us has given them a solid foundation on which to build a successful future and career."

Chris Rogers, headteacher at Edgecliff High School, Kinver, said: "We are very pleased with our hardworking students. We moved the sixth form into a brand-new refurbished building and it really encouraged the sixth form students to get more involved."

"The new centre opened in Easter and it has really spurred the students on to do better than they were doing already and made them feel more rewarded, which is obviously fantastic."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Crackdown over problem parking

A CRACKDOWN on problem parking at a Dudley business park has been announced. Cars have been clogging up the roads on the Castlegate site during the day and evenings.

Council bosses said vehicles left by visitors to restaurants and the Showcase Cinema, as well as other businesses on roads including Castlegate Way are causing a nuisance. It has prompted fears the routes could be blocked making it harder for emergency services to access the site.

Dudley Council plans to introduce tougher restrictions to stop road parking.

## Chippy reopens after car crash

A FISH and chip shop in Dudley has reopened a week after a car drove through its front window.

Asa Singh, who owns Mandy's Tasty Plaice with his wife Mandy, said: "It was a miracle no-one was hurt. We have been working around the clock to get reopen and we have finally managed it."

The front window of the store in Commonside, also known as the Tasty Fish Bar, was smashed when the BMW mounted the pavement.

## Cannabis plants seized at house

SIXTY cannabis plants were seized in a drugs swoop by police in Dudley.

Police seized the plants during a search of a house in Birmingham New Road, but nobody was present and no arrest were made.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman, Sarah Buxton, said a warrant under the misuse of drugs act took place around 10am on Sunday. Anyone with information should call 101.

## Hospital marks its 20th anniversary

HOSPITAL staff have celebrated a milestone. Rowley Regis Community Hospital has turned 20 after being opened in 1994 by the Duchess of Kent.

Members of the board at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust visited the Moor Lane site to share a cake with doctors, nurses and other workers.

## Power cut strikes

SOME 600 homes were affected by a power cut in Colesey on Monday. Western Power Distribution said it was caused by a faulty underground cable. Power was lost at 1pm but it was back within an hour.

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THE Tories' latest brainwave is to knock on the doors of terraced houses, ascertain that the occupants are hard-working folk and then spit in their faces. That's not strictly true. What the Tories are actually doing is inviting White Dee of Benefits Street to be a guest speaker at their conference. But it amounts to the same thing.

IN Scotland Votes (BBC2) Andrew Neil wasted far too much time agonising about what would happen to Trident and the UK nuclear deterrent if an independent Scotland ordered all nuclear warheads off its territory. The filing cabinets of Whitehall are stuffed full of contingency plans for everything from the Russians landing in Oban to France annexing Dover. If Alex Salmond's government declared a nuclear-free Scotland, the contingency plans would be dusted off and the Trident submarines would slip silently under the Clyde, reappearing a few days later in the moth-balled pens which have been ready for them for the past 50 years. I'm guessing somewhere on the east coast of the United States but this is all Top Secret so you mustn't tell anyone.

A BIBLE basher refers me to the Book of Zechariah which predicts the end of the world shortly after Israel is invaded by "a power from the north" which he says could be Russia, Iran or Isis. That's the great thing about prophecies. You write them in 500 BC and 2,514 years later they finally come right (or more likely, wrong).



WE woke to the news that Robin Williams was dead. If you switched on the radio and caught the tributes before you realised who they were talking about, you'd never have guessed the dead person was a Hollywood celebrity. They said he was kind, sweet and humble. There's not a lot of that in Tinseltown.

TOLD you so. Already, more than 200,000 of the 800,000 souvenir poppies on display at the Tower of London have been snapped up. This is going to end in tears, with thousands of disappointed folk leaving it too late.

ONE of the nastiest forms of prejudice is the assumption that everyone else is prejudiced. The former boxing promoter Frank Maloney reveals he is undergoing sex-change treatment and is now a woman called Kellie. Virtually all the coverage on TV and print seems to assume that hordes of wicked, bigoted people will scorn Maloney and either laugh in her face or spit on her in the street. In fact, the reaction to Maloney's sex change has been generally kind, understanding and perhaps a little curious.

SO in the great scheme of things what should we worry about? Is it a) One silly Ukip politician telling young people to study Adolf Hitler's public-speaking technique or b) 20,000 people attending an anti-Israel rally in London and thus giving comfort to Hamas, whose aim is to finish the Holocaust that Adolf Hitler began?

THAT national treasure Lionel Blair is celebrating 65 years in showbiz and admits he is hurt by occasional barbs, including the running jokes about him on I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (Radio 4). Only a few weeks ago chairman Jack Dee quipped that when Lionel was born they broke the mould – just to be on the safe side.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Tunnels tourism scheme is refused

PLANS to turn Cold War bunkers into a major attraction have been turned down.

Drakelow Tunnels, near Kinver, were excavated during the Second World War and used to manufacture machinery.

The tunnels would have been used as a regional seat of government in the event of a nuclear attack during the Cold War and were

only rendered surplus to requirement in the 1990s.

Proposals to renovate the tunnels to create a museum dedicated to its history have been refused by the Wyre Forest District Council's planning department.

As well as the museum, a gift shop, coffee shop and six homes would have been built under proposals from site owners Quercus

Ilex SA. But the planning department have turned down the scheme citing concerns over potential traffic problems. The decision, taken by planning officers, said there is 'insufficient information' about the way staff and visitors will be able to travel into the attraction.

Officers claimed there would be problems caused to nearby heritage sites. Concerns focused on po-

tential harm to a small hill fort on Drakelow Hill which is an ancient monument and the tunnels themselves. They added: "The design, layout and scale of the dwellings proposed would fail to adhere to the established character of this rural location or have due regard to the nature of the heritage assets."

Quercus Ilex SA was unavailable for comment.

# Health jobs at risk in drive to cut costs

**JOBS are at risk at Dudley's hospital trust as part of widespread review of non-clinical posts as it looks to save £12 million.**

Bosses are reviewing the positions of temporary staff, those on fixed-term contracts, and bank and agency workers.

They are also looking at reducing overtime and recruitment to non-clinical vacancies to claw back costs.

Bosses are battling to balance the books as they need to save up to £12m in the wake of Government funding cuts.

Chief executive Paula Clark said the review would cover posts 'furthest away from frontline patient care'.

It's not known yet how many jobs could be at risk.

A 'mutually agreed resignation scheme' has been launched which will continue throughout September, which means workers can leave their posts in return for a set severance payment.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, said: "In common with all NHS trusts in England we are doing everything we can to meet the Government's four per cent efficiency savings while at the same time providing high quality patient care.

"Pay is our biggest cost and so we are looking at ways of reducing staffing while, at the same time, protecting permanent staff

**By Heather Large**

employed by the Trust. We are reviewing non-clinical posts furthest away from frontline patient care and these include temporary staff, those on fixed term contracts, and bank and agency as well as looking at reducing overtime and recruitment to non-clinical vacancies.

"The Trust is also offering staff the opportunity to apply for a Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme during August and September 2014. This scheme allows individual employees to leave their employment for a set severance payment.

"Our focus will be on the impact on patients and, therefore, no decision will be made without each proposed post loss going through our Quality Impact Assessment Panel to ensure no cuts will be made if they impact on patient care and safety."

She added: "We do not know until the review process is complete what areas will be affected."

## Myths inspire young readers

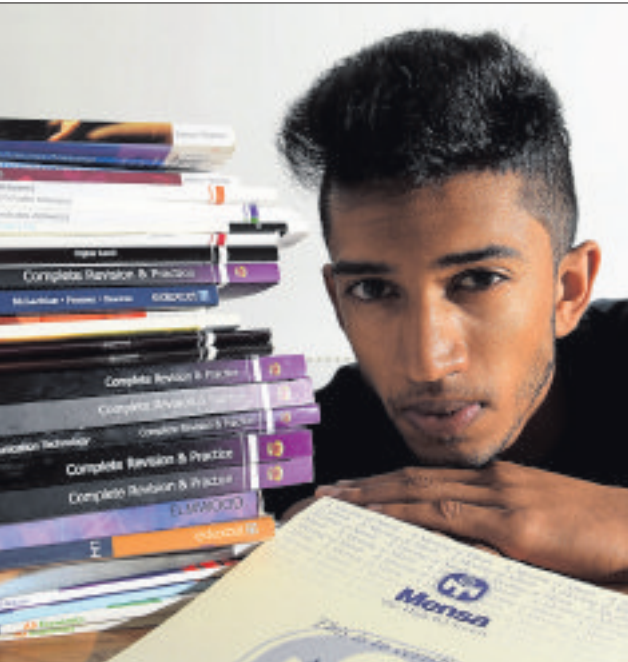
THOUSANDS of children have caught the reading bug and signed up to the annual summer reading challenge in Dudley borough libraries.

So far 2,226 children are taking on the challenge of reading six library books during the summer holidays.

The challenge, an initiative now in its 16th year, was launched in July and runs in libraries until September 14.

Open to children aged four to 11, this year's event is themed around a mythical maze, which will challenge children to find their way round a labyrinth from the world of legend and mythology.

**Tests are no problem for Aaron**



Aaron Dardi has been invited to join Mensa after taking up the test challenge

ARE you smarter than 17-year-old Aaron Dardi, from Dudley?

The teenager has become a member of Mensa after the Wolverhampton-based society for the highly intelligent, issued a challenge for local people to take the intelligence test.

Aaron, from Oakham, and who is in Year 12 at King Edward VI School, Five Ways, Birmingham, described the infamous test as the most difficult he had ever done.

"The first test is over an hour long and

it's word-based, which is not my strongest point," he said.

"The second test is shorter, about half an hour, but I didn't finish all the questions." Nonetheless, Aaron passed both tests with flying colours.

"I'm quite good with logic," he said modestly, adding that his friends were 'impressed' and were debating the idea of doing the test themselves.

Aaron hopes to study applied statistics at university.

## Display at museum marks war centenary

A NEW exhibition has been unveiled in Dudley to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Dudley Museum and Art Gallery has opened a display of treasured family items which tell the story of life on the front line and at home.

The exhibition was unveiled by Mayor of Dudley Mayor, Councillor Margaret Aston, and features a mock High Street with shop fronts, showing life as it was a century ago.

Visitors to the museum on St James' Road and can walk through the High Street and see the realities of war as the exhibition features a painted battlefield, soldier's dug out, nurse's station, mine and a trench complete with sandbags, wooden boarded floors and bomb flashes.

The Mayor was joined by those who had loaned personal items to the exhibition and on display are hundreds of items including medals, original war poems and a discharge letter for a British POW from a German hospital.

The families who offered items for the display were invited to tea in the Mayor's parlour before they has a private tour of the exhibition ahead of the public opening.

## Canal festival at the locks

DUDLEY Canal Trust and Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society are organising the biennial Parkhead Canal Festival.

The event takes place at Parkhead Locks on the Dudley Canal on September 27 and 28 from 10am to 5pm each day.

People attending will be able to take boat trips into the Dudley Canal Tunnel. There will also be a boating skills competition, horse-drawn boats and a display of classic vehicles. The trust, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, will also be putting on a real ale tent.

## Jobs provided

A VEHICLE parts group with a base in the Black Country has taken on more than 500 workers who lost their jobs in the collapse of Unipart Automotive. The Parts Alliance has a network of 278 parts depots across the UK with its main warehouse in Smethwick.

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## Tenants get house swap help sessions

RESIDENTS across Dudley borough are being invited to a series of events to get more information on how to swap their homes.

The Let's Swap events are designed for Dudley Council and housing association tenants who are looking for a larger property due to over-crowding and those looking to downsize.

It will allow them to find out more about the mutual exchange service and how it can help them avoid the housing waiting list.

A housing officer will talk through the process of registering and searching for a property and attendees will be able to view available properties, including those outside the borough, online.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "These events are an ideal opportunity for tenants to find out about the Let's Swap service."

"This scheme can save those tenants who wish to move to another property from having to use the traditional method of joining the waiting lists."

The events will be held from 10am until 1pm today (Thursday) at Brierley Hill Library, and at Stourbridge Library on August 28 and September 1.

## Search film to be screened

THE charity Rethink Mental Illness will screen a documentary in Dudley about 27-year-old Jonny Benjamin's search to find the stranger who stopped him taking his own life.

The film, called Finding Mike, will be shown free at Rethink Dudley, King Street, on Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm. Refreshments will be served.

Sarah Hill, from Rethink Mental Illness in Dudley, said: "I think that Jonny is an inspirational character and want to raise as much awareness as possible about his Finding Mike campaign."

## Relatives sought

A CORONER is hoping to find the family members of a woman who died on August 8.

Dorothy Charles, aged 61, died at home in Enfield Road, Rowley Regis. Any relations should contact coroner's officer Elaine Huckfield on 0845 352 7490.

# Two wanted over car robbery from woman



Donavon Wilson

DETECTIVES have released images of two men they want to trace after a woman was assaulted and robbed of her car outside a Coseley pub.

Police want to speak to 20-year-old Omari Maitland, from Wolverhampton, and Donavon Wilson, 19, from Sedgley, in connection with the terrifying car-jacking in Robert Wynd, Woodcross.

The attack took place outside the Horse and Jockey, when a car went into the back of the 38-year-old woman's vehicle.

As she got out to exchange details,

she was pushed to the floor and her attackers fled in her car.

Catherine Hickman of West Midlands Police said the robbery took place on June 18 and that their inquiries had led them to search for the pair.

"A small hatchback ran into the back of her car outside the Horse & Jockey at around 2.40pm," she added.

### Trace

"The woman got out to exchange details but was pushed to the floor by one of the men from the other car,

who then jumped into her vehicle and drove off down Robert Wynd towards Woodcross park."

Detectives now want to speak to Maitland and Wilson in connection with the crime and have attempted to trace the pair at various addresses.

The details of the cars involved have not been released.

Anyone with information as to their whereabouts should contact Wolverhampton Police on 101 or speak to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Omari Maitland

# Action call over claims of rats in overgrown garden

By Charlie Benton

**FURIOUS residents have signed a petition calling for action on a Netherton house which they say has become so overgrown with vegetation it is attracting rats.**

The group has handed it to their councillor, Bryan Cotterill.

The residents, who all live in or around Bowling Green Road, said they were petitioning Dudley Council to do something about the private house, which they say has been in its current state for almost 20 years.

Mrs Sylvia Townsend, who lives next door to the property, said: "The house has been like that for as long as I can remember."

"The garden is wildly overgrown and whilst it has always been a bit of an eyesore, the rats are just the final nail in the coffin."

Mrs Townsend said if the house was a council property the tenant might have been evicted or at least forced to tidy up the garden, but as it is a private residence he is under no such obligation.

Council bosses said they had sent vermin specialists to the property but have seen no sign of rat droppings which they say means there cannot be rats there.

### Delivery

But Mrs Townsend said: "How can they know? They just sent a man round who took some pictures with his phone."

"I've had numerous people tell me that they have seen the rats and we even had a delivery woman who said she saw one run across her path. All these people can't be imagining things."

She said more 18 people had signed her petition.

Councillor Cotterill said: "I completely understand Mrs Townsend's concerns and I am willing to help. The garden is completely overgrown and even if there were no rats, the owner of the property should not be allowed to leave it in such a state."

"It is completely overgrown and something must be done."

"I think many people will have sympathy for Mrs Townsend and the council should, too, because they should ask themselves: Would I want this next to myself or even my mother? The answer should be no."



Bryan Cotterill with Karen Taylor, Sylvia Townsend, Phyllis Rowley and Dudley Council members



The garden of the house is overgrown with grass and ivy



Dudley Council says there are no signs of rat droppings

# Thieves smash into football club

BOSSES at Halesowen Town football club have spoken of their distress and anger after vandals broke into their ground wreaking havoc.

Thousands of pounds of damage have been caused after the thieves forced their way into The Grove Stadium.

Vandals smashed their way into the club shop, the James Grove lounge and the press box, kicking open doors and breaking through windows.

It came as the non-league club was preparing for its first home game of the season on Tuesday against Belper Town in the

Northern Premier League Premier Division. Repairs will start soon as club officials look to increase security around the ground.

Volunteers told how they arrived to start cleaning up the Old Hawne Lane ground on Monday ahead of the game and found doors to the buildings broken.

The door leading to the shop had been smashed and officials have been making checks to see if any stock, vital to raise revenue for the Yeltz, had been taken.

A window had been forced on the James Grove Lounge, where fans and players meet before and after games, allowing the

vandals to get inside. Cash, televisions and other items were taken in the raid, which is thought to have happened sometime overnight Sunday into Monday.

The press box, which is part of the Harry Rudge stand, was also smashed open.

In a statement, the club said: "As most fans or supporters know the club is run by hard working volunteers who give up their spare time to move the Yeltz forwards, we are all deeply saddened by this news."

Rob Lloyd, who runs the Friends of The Grove group and fundraising draws, said everyone was shocked.

## School reunion to mark 50 years

FORMER pupils from Dudley Girls' High School are invited to a reunion being held next month.

It has been organised for pupils who started at the school 50 years ago — in September 1964. The event will take place at The Brambles, Dudley, on September 13 at 7.30pm.

Former students are invited to raise a glass to the passing of 50 years, to enjoy a buffet and a catch-up with each old friend and a half century's worth of news. For further information or to book a place call (01384) 270403.

## Power to helpers s at museum tidy up

VOLUNTEERS have been tidying the grounds at the Black Country Living Museum.

The team of 11 Npower employees from Oldbury helped weed the gardens and stain the train crossing at the site in Tipton Road.

Team leader Constance Kane said: "We had such a great day and it was fantastic to be helping out at the museum."

Npower operates an extensive volunteering programme with Community Service Volunteers.

## Building society to stage charity ball

DUDLEY Building Society is holding a charity ball to raise funds for the Midlands Air ambulance next month.

The event at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, on Saturday, September 13 at 7pm, will include a two-course meal and music from Chris Passey and His Little Big Band.

Tickets are priced £25 from the society's branches or by calling 07702 972445.

## Homes plan for former club site

PLANS to demolish a former club in Dudley have been lodged.

Twenty-two homes will be built on the site of the Woodside club in Stourbridge Road, Holly Hall.

Paul Walker Property as submitted the proposals, which to include a 30-space car park, for two blocks of apartments and a block of terraced houses.

## Blaze hits garage

A GRASS fire damaged a wooden garage in Coseley. It broke out near to an electrical substation but firefighters managed to prevent it from spreading in Webb Street just after 5pm on Monday.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

MIRANDA Hart is one of the funniest comedy stars of our time. When you come down to it, she is just about the only purveyor of simple, funny, family friendly comedy around at the moment.

After all, who else is doing mainstream comedy these days? All we get at the moment are the tired old American imports, foul-mouthed public school stand ups and endless dreary panel games populated by the usual circuit of posh boys.

Which makes it all the more depressing is that Miranda Hart has just been announced as the new host of the Generation Game. Let's be honest. There are lots of shows from the 1970s that are well worth reviving, but the Generation Game isn't one of them.

There was only one host who truly made it work, and no, he didn't wear a toupe. Larry Grayson was good. Sharp as a knife, quick witted and entertaining.

Larry Grayson's Generation Game was the perfect warm up to Saturday-night viewing, with Mike Yarwood, Juliet Bravo, or whatever else on afterwards. But take away Grayson, and all you really had was a few middle-aged housewives making a pig's ear of pottery or cake decorating or whatever.

Which is not really much of an improvement on watching oddballs murdering popular tunes of the past decade or so. Or washed-up politicians and minor celebrities trying their hand at the tango. It really is tragic.

Miranda, if you've got any sense, think again. Stick to what you're good at. Writing sitcoms. And leave the Generation Game where it truly belongs. To the past generation.

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AFTER what seems like one of the shortest close-seasons in years, the football season is well and truly back with us.

Normally, this is a time of hope and optimism, of looking forward to the new season. And indeed my team, Aston Villa, made a reasonably solid start, notching up a difficult 1-0 victory away to Stoke City.

So why is it I can't ever remember going into a new season feeling quite so underwhelmed? Well maybe it is something to do with a statistic in a quiz by the Football League Trust last week. Essentially, it asked, if all the teams in the Premier League during the 2012/2013 season were ranked in order of how much they spent on players, how would that differ from the actual league table at the end of the season?

Depressingly, the answer is that one solitary team actually performed better on the field than they did in the transfer window. Or put it another way, it is almost entirely down to money.

Going into the new season at the weekend, which was the lowest-spending side in the Premier League? Aston Villa. Perhaps you will understand my trepidation . . .



Fizzog Flash Mob in Stourbridge Town Centre



Dressed up for Black Country Day celebrations



The Fizzogs and others with Black Country bus

# Dancing grannies' steps to stardom

America is beckoning for booty-shaking Fizzogs after video goes viral, as Katy-Rose Meaney reports

**HOBBLING** along, supported by walking sticks, a group of four cardigan-clad pensioners could have you fooled that they are simply your average grannies.

But these booty-shaking, hip wiggle performers, who could give Beyonce a run for her money, are now in talks with American TV producers after a video of them performing went viral.

Popular Black Country entertainers The Fizzogs became a worldwide internet sensation after a video of the group entertaining at Stourbridge carnival was posted on YouTube and on social networking site Facebook.

## Humbling

Now the Dudley-based theatre group are in talks with TV stations in America after a film of the dancers hip wiggle to Beyonce's Single Ladies and Emma Rol-lason from Fizzog Productions and the group have been making plans to take their 'Ode Folk' routine over the pond.

Deb Nicholls, 42 from Wollaston, said the attention is incredible but very humbling. She said: "We have had a lot of interest from America and we are in talks with a screen writer in the TV industry. Nothing has been confirmed yet but we have been told our video is streaming through the network channels over there and we have been asked when we are coming over."



The dancing grannies, whose youtube video of themselves went viral online

She added: "We would absolutely love to go over there and perform. Before talks started we sent our video to the producers on the The Ellen DeGeneres Show. To appear on that would be amazing."

Sue Hawkins, who started Fizzog Productions 14 years ago said she couldn't believe the attention the video, filmed on July 6, has received.

The 42-year-old from Wordsley said: "It has just been phenomenal. The number of likes and shares is just crazy and it has gone all over the world. I

office laugh. People from across the globe want more and more and that is amazing but we are local girls and to get more offers for local work too has been great. "We are very busy but our success is great for the area not just for us."

Their worldwide attention started when Lucy Rutherford saw the group perform in Stourbridge and uploaded her video online.

The next day she was getting emails, notifications and friend requests from people across the world. She said: "I just put it up to show friends and family really. Then, I was getting notifications left, right and centre from people across the world. They made me laugh so much on the day and they clearly are making people laugh all over the world now."

The video has been shared almost a million times on Facebook and an American blog featuring the dancing trio has had more than 2.7million likes.

## Excited

Dave Harrison, press officer for Fizzog productions, said: "The interest in the group has just been phenomenal, the video has been shared across Europe, in America and China. Now that is what you call putting the Black Country on the map."

Gaz Sawers, co-organiser and founder Black Country Festival said: "I have known the Fizzogs for some time and I am very excited for them and wish them every success. It is amazing news that they are being recognised and are in demand around the world following on from their performances as part of the Black Country Day celebrations."

He added: "They really are putting the Black Country on the map and I am very proud of them."

The dancing grannies is just one of the routines the theatre group perform and before they can consider plans to jet off to the US, the group has local performances lined up, including performing at the Black Country Living Museum on weekends throughout August.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

UKIP'S Bill Etheridge learned a rather valuable lesson last week about public speaking – that it's generally a bad idea to say anything that could be construed as positive about Adolf Hitler.

Ironically, it was a seminar on effective public speaking that saw his comments rounded on by his party's critics.

Why the West Midlands MEP decided it would be a good idea to even bring up the Nazi leader at all, let alone suggest budding politicians look at his speaking style, only he can say.

And I've never known any modern politician win a seat by walking up and down during a speech and fixing the audience with his or her stare the way Mr Etheridge was said to have described Hitler.

Far from being 'desperate' for politicians to start talking, as Mr Etheridge says those who listened to Hitler were, these days people are more likely to stand up and walk out or worse.

No-one hangs on David Cameron or Ed Milliband's words. Every time they tweet anything the first response is usually from someone calling them, respectively, Dishface and Beaker.

But has this damaged UKIP? Not particularly, if online reaction is anything to go by. Those who were against UKIP remained resolute on that, taking this story as further evidence that they do not deserve a seat in the Commons.

Yet those who were already part of the so-called 'earthquake' of the European and council elections in May were content with Mr Etheridge's side of the story and rallied round to condemn the Mail on Sunday for its coverage.

Every Black Country council is now under the control of Labour. Walsall's Tories were forced from power in a special meeting called after a by-election gave Labour back the 30 seats it was on after May's local elections.

The death after those elections of leader Tim Oliver left Labour on 29 and meant a rainbow alliance – albeit a rainbow missing any shades of red – of Tories, Lib Dems, UKIP and independent voted for the status quo.

Labour ended up paying to fly three of its councillors back from their summer holidays for the crucial vote.

Politically, it might not be the worst thing for the Tories. They would have continued to get stick for staying in control after being reduced to just over a third of the seats.

And now they get to campaign for the next election against an incumbent Labour party that won't yet have got its feet under the table. At least, that's what I'd say if I were the Conservatives and putting a brave face on it.

Labour has the advantage of being both incumbent locally and in opposition in Westminster. And that's certainly done it no harm in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley these past few years.

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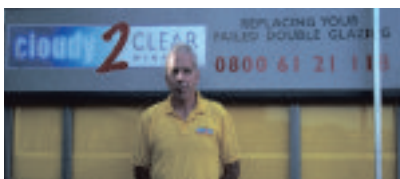
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# Bill Etheridge right not to resign

BILL Etheridge is correct in not resigning as a UKIP MEP and Dudley councillor.

It is clear his words have been taken out of context. Mr Etheridge has voiced regrets mentioning Hitler as an example of a charismatic orator.

Yet throughout history the power of oratory has brought nations to their knees but it has also inspired nations to deeds of great valour; Hitler in Nazi Germany and Sir Winston Churchill in Britain. Both were indeed outstanding orators.

Churchill himself stated: "Of all the tal-

ents bestowed upon men, none is so precious as the gift of oratory."

Other amazing men whose speeches reverberate throughout the ages are Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Jesus Christ.

Indeed Bill Etheridge included Martin Luther King, Ronald Reagan, Hitler and Tony Blair in his list – all men who swayed nations – in some cases for good and in some cases for ill. In today's world our freedom of speech is still precious.

S BARTON, Stourbridge

## Hard but still time for 'loff'

I READ with interest the article on Tommy Mundon, written by Mark Andrews, which appeared in the Chronicle on July 31.

However, I cannot agree with the statement that 'His act was rooted in a rose-tinted image of a Black Country which never existed'. The Black Country portrayed by Tommy did exist and many of his anecdotes were drawn around real people, places and happenings. Embroidered, no doubt, but nevertheless based on reality. I grew up just down the road from Tommy and listening to his stories I could often recognise how they originated.

Yes, in the post war years times were hard but the Black Country character meant that people made the best of it and still managed to have a 'loff'.

D LAYTON, Stourbridge

## King Arthur pub adds to the character

THE King Arthur pub on the Birmingham New Road, Dudley, is being threatened with demolition.

It is claimed that it is not viable as a public house.

However, when it was a carvery, it had no lack of customers.

Since the Ivy House pub was replaced with a fast food outlet, it is now the only building with character on this approach to Dudley.

Without it, the area will just be a part of a featureless suburb.

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## Don't be fooled by this smear

ONLY the seriously gullible are going to be fooled by the clumsy attempt by the Tory gutter press to smear Bill Etheridge and through him, UKIP, over his reference to Adolf Hitler's public speaking style in a recent speech.

It's a sure sign that there are local council elections and a General Election on the horizon and that the main parties are running scared.

Mr Etheridge has rightly complained that his reference to Hitler was taken out of context, that he mentioned other prominent figures, including a former British Prime Minister, in his speech and that the attacks on him are 'political opportunism', which of course they blatantly are.

If any mention of Hitler holds so much taboo, why do numerous Freeview channels churn out hours of documentaries about him and his regime every day, without one word of comment or complaint from the national gutter press?

R A SARGEANT, Dudley

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## It's costs before people for police

I SEE West Mercia and Warwickshire Police are closing stations and the public can now stand outside the closed down stations, press a button on a blue box and speak via intercom to a member of staff who is sitting in a warm environment whilst the queue of people waiting to use the intercom waiting in the pouring rain, or whatever the inclement weather may be.

Do these people who make these wonderful decisions ever think about the public? It's not about money, cut backs, statistics or targets when a person attends a station to report an incident that person wants to see a police officer and feel safe when reporting an incident.

How times have moved on, it used to be police of-

ficers who used such devices to keep in touch with their stations.

We now see fewer officers on the street, to make contact, we can phone and arrange an appointment, which means days pass by after any incident (unless of course it's an emergency or the incident is taking place at that time). We can even e-mail a crime to the police, so the chances are it will not get investigated but don't worry as long as you have a crime number all will be well in the world!

It does appear like the police are trying to cut the public out of their equation as long as the costs are in line with government guidelines with saving money.

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# Clergy give backing to criticism of Cameron

CHURCH leaders in the Black Country have backed a letter sent by the Church of England to David Cameron, criticising the Government's response to tackling the rise of Islamic extremism.

Concerns have been raised about the Prime Minister's handling of the crisis in Iraq and the 'growing silence' over the plight of persecuted Christians.

The strongly-worded letter from the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Rev Nicholas Baines, has been supported by many senior clergy across the country.

He raised questions about ministers' failure to respond to calls to set out what arrangements would be made to offer asylum in the UK.

The Archdeacon of Dudley, the Rev Nikki Groarke said she also shared his concerns and praised him for bringing the issue to the public's attention.

"I think it was an excellent letter. It raised some serious issues," she said.

The Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Rev Graham Usher has also described it as 'an excellent letter'.

He tweeted: "Northern Iraq deserves better than

the crumbs that fall from our foreign policy table."

Former Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Rev David Walker, who is now Bishop of Manchester, said the Government had a 'moral obligation that it is repeatedly failing to rise to'.

He believed the failure to offer asylum could be down to political sensitivities over immigration. "There is always a concern around anything that could play into the debate around immigration," he said.

"But the numbers that would come here are so small that effectively they are not going to disrupt British society in any noticeable or meaningful way."

"In fact they would be good assets to our society."

## Drivers in two-car crash escape injury



The crash scene in Enville Road, Wall Heath, in no one was injured. Picture: @FireBrierley

TWO motorists had a lucky escape when their cars collided in Wall Heath. Despite extensive damage to their cars, both drivers were not believed to be seriously hurt.

The smash happened near the traffic lights on Enville Road at around 8.45pm on Sunday.

When firefighters from Brierley Hill arrived on the scene they found a silver Mazda 3 on its side and a black Hybrid Toyota Auris with a smashed bonnet.

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Firefighter Adam Tims said police were called out first and the fire service attended to make the vehicles safe.

He said: "We didn't have to cut anyone out of the cars. "Miraculously the female driver in the Toyota was not injured, just badly shaken."

"There was no one in the Mazda when the police arrived. They must have left the scene."

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# Museum visit for Potter star Warwick and family



Movie star Warwick Davis and son Harrison at the Black Country Living Museum filming for TV travel show Weekend Escapes

IT might not be the obvious choice for a film star's family holiday but Warwick Davis has brought his wife and children to the Black Country.

The Harry Potter and Star Wars actor was at the Black Country Living Museum last week filming the latest series of his show Weekend Escapes.

The show sees 44-year-old Mr Davis and his family travel around Britain in his camper van to sample the best of the country's attractions, and is aired on ITV.

The Life's Too Short star was seen

by visitors to the museum donning period costumes and being filmed talking to the camera. He was at the museum with his wife, Samantha, and two children Harrison, 11, and Annabelle, 16.

They took part in activities at the museum, including a ride on vintage vehicle, visiting the St James' School Victorian classroom, Gregory's General Store, the Hardware Store, and also took part in street games.

They also ate some of the museum's famous traditional fish and chips.

Fans waited outside the museum for the chance to get an autograph and picture with the star.

Kim Hunter, aged 30, from Dudley, was there with her sister Jenny Fisher.

Kim said: "We had come down to sort out a day out here but we heard that he was here so we've waited a couple of hours to meet him. I'm a big fan of his from watching Willow when I was a kid. I can't believe I had my photo taken with him."

One of the museum's staff, Jon Drew, 32, who is a learning programmer, filmed a scene with Davis. Mr Drew said: "It was such a great honour to actually film a scene with my childhood hero."



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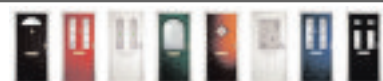
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# Thanks for supporting Ben Nevis climb in Bert's honour

THANKS again to everyone who supported our climb up Ben Nevis for local causes in honour of local hero Bert Bissell.

Just over a week ago I made the long trip to Fort William with a team including the Mayor's Consort Councillor Adam Aston, Deputy Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho, Armed Forces Champion Councillor Dave Tyler and Shaz Saleem, the chairman of Dudley Taxi Association.

We managed to conquer Ben Nevis despite awful weather.

It was all worth it when we saw Bert's memorial at the summit and planted the Black Country flag.

It's inspiring to think that Bert made the climb 107 times all the way up until the age of 91, and it's been great to hear from so many local people who remember him fondly.

I knew him as a child. He was a great friend of my family and I've long thought we should do something to honour his memory.

We should raise at least £2,500 for local charities so I'm really grateful for everyone's generosity. That money will be going to local charities including Action Heart, Guide Dogs, the Children's Unit at Russell's Hall Hospital, the local Royal British Legion, and Black Country Fast Aid to support local ambulances. I think that's a brilliant tribute to the great man.

I'm really grateful to everyone who has made a donation - if you haven't already there's still time to

## THE WAY I SEE IT



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When I or a member of my family is ill, we queue up at Russells Hall like anybody else in Dudley, so I was really concerned by news that Dudley hospitals are facing rocketing debts.

Hospital bosses have revealed they are battling to tackle debts that are set to reach £12 million. Even the chief executive says the hospitals' finances are 'critical'. Jobs are now at risk as a widespread review of non-permanent staff takes place alongside a clampdown on overtime and recruitment.

Doctors, nurses and other staff are working flat out at Russells Hall but the Gov-

ernment has squandered £3 billion on reorganising the NHS instead of supporting front-line staff.

As a result local people are facing longer waits at A&E, cancelled operations at their highest level for a decade and rising waits for vital cancer tests and treatments too.

I'm concerned that the Government has completely lost control of NHS finances so I have written to the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt urging him to give our local hospital the resources it needs.

People often tell me politicians in Westminster don't care what they've got to say about immigration, but I know local people think it's an important issue and pol-

iticians should be listening. I recently sent a survey to thousands of local people on this issue.

The responses were really interesting, with more than 84 per cent saying immigration was very important and more than 70 per cent saying people moving here should pay taxes before getting benefits.

I told Labour leaders exactly what local people thought, so I'm really pleased Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls and welfare spokeswoman Rachel Reeves recently said there's much more we can do.

They are saying that we need new rules so that people can't come to Britain as soon as their country joins the EU, can't come to Britain and be unemployed and can't work in Britain and send tax credits abroad.

I think we can stop these abuses by linking benefits with working people's contributions.

A number of residents in Sedgley have been in touch to raise concerns about the future of the Seven Stars pub on Gospel End Road.

It is owned by Marston's, which is said to be considering a bid from Morrison's to buy the pub and turn it into a supermarket.

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## Asbestos was linked to death

A FORMER BT worker died after contracting asbestos-related cancer, an inquest heard. Michael Dando died earlier this month after succumbing to mesothelioma.

An inquest into the 71-year-old's death at Smethwick Council House last week heard how Mr Dando, from Brook Street, Wall Heath, had received compensation from BT in April after being diagnosed with the disease in 2012.

Coroner's officer Russell Williams said: "He deteriorated over a period of six weeks, and died at home with his family. Histology confirmed this gentleman had mesothelioma. Mr Dando was most likely exposed when he worked for BT."

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain recorded that death was due to an industrial disease.

# Elderly given free security kits to combat the burglars

**THE elderly in Dudley are being given free crime busting security packs worth £1,000 by Dudley police.**

The packs contain items such as a wire-free alarm system along with door and window locks, peep-holes and even video phone entry systems.

The kits are part of a borough-wide initiative which has seen crime rates in the area driven down to a record low.

By Charlie Benton

Dudley police have formed a partnership with local companies Theam Security and ERA Group, as well as lock specialists Yale to provide the kits which are designed to keep burglars locked out.

The kits are being offered free of charge to the elderly and disabled who council workers and local police identify as being at greater risk

of burglary. So far, seven packs have been distributed to those in need.

One couple in their mid-seventies, who did not want to be named, said: "After our burglary the police were extremely supportive, keeping us up to date and providing us with additional security within our home."

Sarah Nixon, from Halesowen police station, said: "Initiatives such as this can really make a real difference. Being the victim of a crime in your own home is an upsetting experience and we are glad that through this scheme we have been able to make people feel safer."

## Pay back cash or face prison

A HUSBAND has been ordered to repay more than £27,000 he swindled in benefits.

Self-employed Wayne Cooper obtained the money by dishonestly claiming social security benefit, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. He was sentenced last year when given a community order.

The 46-year-old from Chapel Street, Wordsley, returned to court last week for a proceeds of crime hearing.

Recorder Derek Chinery was told Cooper had paid back £2,200 of the original £29,473 fraud and planned to remortgage his house to repay the remainder.

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Hairdresser Carol Walker with her mother, Nancy Harris, aged 85, and colleagues, family and clients

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She started cutting hair in 1962, has owned salons in Dudley and Kidderminster, and worked as an in-store hairdresser for Marks & Spencer.

The 67-year-old said: "I recently injured my shoulder and that has forced me to retire."

"I think if it wasn't for my injury I would keep going, but I think there comes a time where you just have to stop and this was my time."

"I have great staff and I trust them to take over for me and do a fantastic job, but I will still be around."

Carol started her career with a five-

year apprenticeship in a salon before moving on to open her own business.

She was joined by her mother, Nancy Harris, aged 85, and colleagues, family and clients as she retired from Simply Hair by Carol, in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen.

Carol said she has enjoyed every minute of her career, adding "I can't believe it has been 53 years."

### Popular

"My favourite years must be when I worked at M&S, it was a different time and we don't have in-store hairdressers anymore."

Over the years she has seen British hairstyles change, and has some favourites. She said: "The bob has al-

ways endured, really, it's a very popular style."

"It has altered a bit over the years but it has always been around."

There are some styles that she is less keen on, however.

"I never really liked hairstyles that were all curls, like the really big perms. They didn't have any finesse."

She now spends her time playing bowls and helping out at Startime Variety, which puts on pantomimes among other shows.

"I mostly do prompting now but I have acted in the past – I have even played a fairy," she said.

"I have loved my career and I shall miss everybody, but I think it is time for me to put my feet up."

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# Lenny is in a spin over his debut at The Rep



Lenny Henry with his co-stars in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records Joivan Wade, left, and Larrington Walker

**ACTOR and comedian Lenny Henry will be going back to his roots when he takes to the stage at the Birmingham Rep theatre next month.**

He is starring in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records, a poignant comedy set in a record shop in Birmingham. It is based on the popular BBC Radio 4 series, written by Danny Robins and co-created by Dudley-born Lenny.

The show will run from September 4 to 20 and tells the story of the shop,

stacked with vinyl, owned by the irrepressible Rudy Sharpe, played by Larrington Walker, reluctantly helped out by son Adam, played by Lenny.

### Reggae

With Rudy's chaotic approach of 'if it ain't on the shelf, it's on the floor' clashing with Adam's need for calm and order, the record shop soon becomes a battleground of bickering played out to the shop's foot-tapping reggae and soul soundtrack.

However, when the threat of developers looms, father and son must put their differences aside as they battle to

keep the music alive. It features music by Jimmy Cliff, Desmond Dekker, Bob Marley and the Sugarhill Gang which played live by an onstage band.

Lenny said: "I've performed comedy gigs many times in Birmingham but this is my first straight acting role in the city and the first time I've been on stage at the Rep, which is something I'm really looking forward to. Growing up in Dudley I would come into Birmingham every Saturday to hang-out in a record shop not too dissimilar to Rudy's, so it's a play that's very close to my heart."



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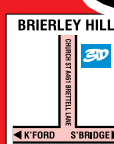
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# Zoo helps Holly become a princess for the day

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Holly Foley, who suffers from sacral agenesis, received a royal tour of the site's farmyard and a VIP meet-and-greet session with the animals.

She then met zoo chief executive Peter Suddock who presented her with an adoption package for guinea pig - named Rapunzel after a Disney princess.

The youngster, who attends Ashwood Park Primary School, Wordsley, was treated to the special day after revealing her dream to the Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity, which organises wishes for children with serious or life-threatening illnesses.

After being contacted by the charity, zoo staff pulled out all the stops to make sure Holly and her family, who live in Wordsley, had a day to remember.

## Loved

Head of media and communications Jill Hitchman said: "Holly had a great day and came dressed regally for the occasion in a beautiful princess dress."

"She loved the chance to hold many of the site's smaller animals, including Maisie the giant rabbit, Elton the chinchilla and Smokey the ferret and was over the moon to be presented with an adoption package for Rapunzel."

During her visit Holly also toured the rest of the 40-acre site, stopping off to see a baby Rothschild's giraffe, Kito, a snow leopard cub, Makalu, and four newborn meerkats.

Holly said: "I loved meeting the animals especially Rapunzel, who was really friendly and cuddly and I can come back and see her now as I've adopted



Senior keeper Kirsty Thornton introduces Holly Foley to Rapunzel, the guinea pig

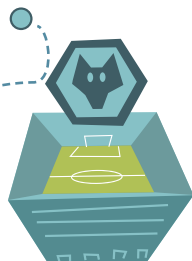
her." Her mother, Julie-Ann Perks, said: "Holly had a fantastic day. She loves anything to do with princesses and is animal mad so the day was just perfect for her. She didn't stop smiling the whole time."

Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity was formed in 2003 and specialises in

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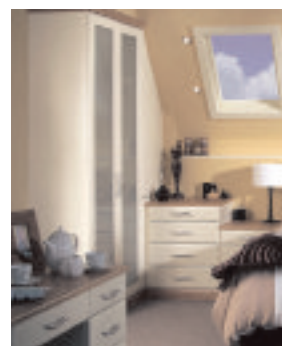
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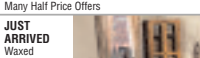
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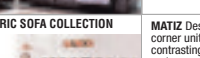
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Shop proposals are withdrawn

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build shops and a takeaway on the site of a motorbike showroom in Halesowen have been withdrawn.

More than 200 people signed a petition against the scheme for the Street-bike site in Mucklow Hill.

The dealership has revealed plans to relocate the business to the former Comet electrical store in Dudley Road, Halesowen.

Heedgrove Ltd had lodged proposals for two shops and a takeaway on the site but they sparked concerns from residents and ward councillors who feared increased traffic, litter and noise problems.

The developer has now withdrawn it before it was due to be considered by Dudley Council.

Demolition notice over fire station

HALESOWEN Fire Station is expected to be knocked down within weeks after a demolition notice was issued for the site.

Developer Horgan Homes & Developments Ltd has already been granted permission to build an estate of 14 homes.

It has now notified the council of their plans flatten the old station and the training tower off Hagley Road.

The station was closed down two years ago. Money from the sale has gone towards a £3 million replacement station in Cradley Heath called Haden Cross Community Fire Station, which is the base for a total of 44 firefighters.

# Return to its roots as JB's rocks to the beat of music

DUDLEY'S landmark nightclub JB's is returning to its roots as a nightclub. It is believed that the nightclub is only hosting music nights on Saturdays currently.

The leader of Dudley's Conservative group who said it would boost nightlife in the town. Councillor Patrick Harley said: "So long as they attract the right clientèle there isn't a problem I can see.

"In fact it is good for Dudley to have a nightclub.

"Wolverhampton and Stourbridge got their act together with nightlife so it is about time Dudley had some too."

Firm plans for the future of the banqueting suite have yet to be confirmed.

Hundreds of people packed into JB's on its last night in January 2011 when the then owner Sam Jukes revealed huge losses of up to £1 million.

The club was later bought at auction for £225,000 before its management was taken over by Ramesh Ahir.

Failed

The former rock venue had been reopened as a banqueting and conference centre ran into planning problems two years ago after a six-figure revamp.

But Mr Ahir suffered a setback when he failed on appeal to overturn a decision by Dudley Council to refuse planning permission.

This forced the club to rethink plans to host wedding receptions.

By Andrew Turton

In recent days new signs advertising the conferencing centre were taken down and its future remained unclear until posters showcasing the new name NRG nightclub were revealed.

A range of dance music and R'n'B nights have been scheduled at the nightclub opposite The Station Hotel.

Further details about the new venture have yet to be released but new Facebook pages and Twitter accounts have been set up marketing nights.

Mr Ahir was unavailable for comment.

In its heyday JB's was famous for hosting superstars such as Robert Plant and giving bands like Blur, U2 and the Stone Roses their big break.

Its heaving rooms and boisterous crowds have become legendary in the industry. The club's role in giving fledgling bands a step up to the main stage is part of rock and roll folklore.

Now the nightclub in the heart of the town welcomes

## Cubs prove hard to catch for keepers



The playful lynx cubs are a handful for Dudley Zoo keepers during their first health checks

THEY may be cute but these three feisty lynx cubs can put up a good fight – as keepers at Dudley Zoo discovered.

As staff attempted to give them their first health checks, they found the playful youngsters did want to be caught.

Keepers wanted to find out the sex of the three-month old triplets but it proved to be more difficult than they anticipated, with the cubs bearing their teeth and claws.

However, when staff were finally able to grab them, they found out

they had two boys and one girl Senior keeper Adam Walker said: "We quickly discovered that despite their cute looks they have very sharp claws and teeth, growl and hiss a lot and jump about – they did not like being caught."

Zoo vet Peter Stewart gave the trio their first inoculations, checked their weight and confirmed sexes - and now keepers are busy thinking of names for them

Mr Walker added: "The cubs are making really good progress and are growing quickly. One of the boys

weighs 2.2 kilos, while the other boy and girl weigh 2.3 kilos, so they're exactly where they should be for their age."

The cubs were born on May 23 to four-year-old Daisy and three-year-old Dave and can regularly be spotted playing together in their outdoor enclosure.

Carpathians are a relatively new species to the zoo, with Dave translocating from Salzburg Zoo, Austria, and Daisy from Zoo Veszprem, Hungary, in autumn 2012.

## Love rival attacked man with his belt

A MAN who ambushed a love-rival's car and set about him with a belt has been made the subject of a 12-month supervision order.

Mark Coley, aged 26, of Westbourne Road, Halesowen, was told he must take part in an alcohol awareness course as part of the terms of the order when he appeared before Wolverhampton Crown Court last week week.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said Bradley Manning had been in a relationship with Coley's ex-girlfriend leading to considerable ill feeling on Coley's part.

He said on May 5 Mr Manning was driving in Dudley Road, Rowley Regis. When he passed The Cock Inn, he became aware of Coley emerging from an alley.

"He stepped out in front of Mr Manning's vehicle, Mr Manning describes the defendant as having no concern for his safety," said Mr Lees.

He then struck Mr Manning's car. When he got out to see what had happened Coley ran towards him swinging a belt with a large metal buckle.

The belt struck Mr Manning on the right cheek, said Mr Lees, and Coley started punching him in the face. Under questioning by police, Coley said he had been drinking heavily that day.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, for Coley, said he recognised he needed to address his drinking.

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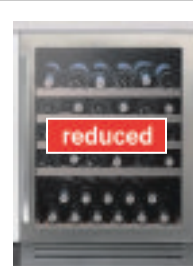
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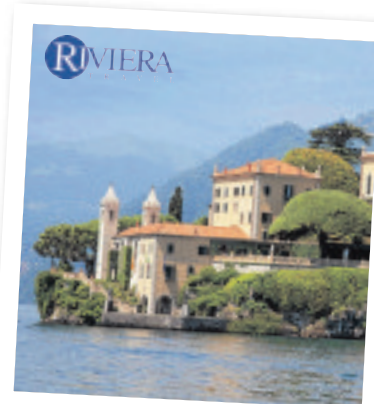
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## Bluesday gigs at Hockley venue

A SERIES of weekly blues nights have been lined up at a Birmingham venue for the coming months.

The Asylum 2 in Hockley will be hosting the concerts every Tuesday from September 23 to December 16.

The event is being organised by Halesowen-born music mogul Jim Simpson, who once managed Black Sabbath. Mr Simpson said: "Tuesday will be Bluesday, with some of the finest blues bands about, digging into the urban and country Blues of Chicago and The Delta and stopping off at all points between."

The opening party at the venue in Hampton Street will feature The 58's Blues Band. Admission will be £5. Coming up are the Whiskey Brothers and Steve Ajao Blues Giants.

## Civic Hall date for Kaiser Chiefs

V Festival favourites Kaiser Chiefs will be playing at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on February 6 next year.

Fronted by The Voice judge Ricky Wilson, the Yorkshire band's date is part of a UK tour throughout January and February.

New single My Life is due out on September 22 and will be the third single from their Number One album Education, Education, Education & War.

The band opened Glastonbury 2014, stormed T in The Park and will join the Foo Fighters on a tour of South Africa in December.

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## EofE join Vamps on UK tour

BLACK Country rockers EofE are to support top teen band The Vamps on their autumn UK tour.

"We can't wait to head back out on the road, especially with The Vamps", said Tom Harris, 18, lead singer of the Dudley band. "They're incredibly successful, really accomplished musicians, and the same age as us. I'm looking forward to having a lot of laughs on the road!"

This follows a support slot on the phenomenally successful McBusted arena tour, playing to 380,000 fans across 32 UK dates.

"The McBusted tour was a fantastic break for us," said Tom, from Netherton. "Their fans were really supportive and the band offered us some great advice."

This week EofE release second single Piece of You. They support The Vamps at the NIA on October 5 and have a headline gig at The Institute in Birmingham on November 15.



Back on the road — Dudley band EofE with singer Tom Harris second from right

JOIN the celebration as 65 of Disney's unforgettable characters from 18 timeless stories come to life at Birmingham NIA when Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic from the world of Disney.

With Mickey and Minnie Mouse leading the fun, the show will include spectacular skating routines, elaborate sets and 160 beautiful costumes with ice dancing devised by the choreographer who created the skating segment of the opening ceremony at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The cast of 47 ice dancers represent a total of ten countries.

### Dolls

Such Disney musical classics at A Whole New World, Beauty and the Beast and Can You Feel The Love Tonight will feature alongside exciting moments from Mulan, The Lion King and Disney/Pixar's Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, and Toy Story films.

Outfitting this special centenary show has been a huge challenge for the costume department with dazzling designs ranging from Mickey's Marching Band to the 'It's A Small World' dolls that form part of a sparkling light parade. The Finding Nemo outfits will mimic underwater movement. But Minnie promises her red se-



Disney magic at the NIA

quin spangled gown will be a real showstopper.

Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic will be at The NIA in Birmingham city centre from October 22 to November 2. The tour is also visiting Manchester, Sheffield, London, Glasgow and Newcastle.

The arrival of Disney on Ice has been an annual treat for West Midlands families for several years now but this promises to be an extra special occasion. Tickets are available now and to find out more visit the website [www.disneyonice.co.uk](http://www.disneyonice.co.uk) or via Facebook and YouTube.

## On way or another Blondie are back

FOLLOWING their comeback at this summer's Glastonbury Festival and scheduled appearance at the V Festival, Blondie will be back in the Midlands for a concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on September 13.

Blondie have sold more than 40 million albums and repeatedly reached the top of the charts over four decades with such hits as Heart Of Glass, Sunday Girl, Atomic, Call Me, The Tide Is High, Rapture and Maria. This year the band has celebrated their 40th anniversary with the NME Godlike Genius Award and release of new album Ghosts of Download. It is available as part of two-disc package Blondie 4(0) Ever, which includes greatest hits and brand new album.

## Revisiting heyday of the Fab Four

FIFTY years on from Beatlemania, Richard Lester's groundbreaking film about the Fab Four, A Hard Day's Night, has been released as a restored special edition Blu-ray and two-disc DVD package.

The movie remains both a sparky comedy, summing up The Beatles' irreverent style, and a snapshot of an England emerging from post-war austerity into the swinging 60s. Alongside the movie, which has a cast ranging from Steptoe and Son's Wilfred Bramble to dancer Lionel Blair, there are several bonus features. These include a documentary, interviews with The Beatles and an audio interview with the film director.

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## CHOICE



Peter Capaldi

**Doctor Who (BBC1, 7.50pm)**  
New series. Having briefly appeared at the end of last year's Christmas special, The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi goes on his first adventure as the Time Lord, taking over from Matt Smith. When he arrives in Victorian London, he finds a dinosaur causing havoc in the Thames, as well as a spate of deadly spontaneous combustions. Will Clara's friendship forged with the previous Doctor survive as they embark on a terrifying mission into the heart of an alien conspiracy? Sci-fi drama, co-starring Jenna Coleman, Neve McIntosh, Dan Starkey, Catrin Stewart, Peter Ferdinando, Paul Hickey, Tony Way, Maggie Service, Brian Miller, Ellis George, Mark Kempner, Graham Duff, Peter Hannah and Paul Kasey.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Sites. **11.30 Football Focus.** 12.00 BBC News; Weather. **12.10 Live Formula 1:** Belgian Grand Prix – Qualifying. Coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.20 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final.** Castleford Tigers v Leeds Rhinos (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.20 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather. **5.40 Pointless** Celebrities.

**6.30 Tumble.** The remaining celebrities tackle trampolining and rhythmic gymnastics with a twist in the third week of the competition. They're hoping to impress the judging panel – Louis Smith, Nadia Comaneci, Craig Heap and Sebastian Stella – and the two lowest-scoring contestants then take The Vault, before one of them leaves the show. Plus, grid group the Saturdays perform a medley of their biggest hits. Alex Jones hosts.

**7.50 Doctor Who.** New series. Having briefly appeared at the end of last year's Christmas special, The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi goes on his first adventure as the Time Lord, taking over from Matt Smith. When he arrives in Victorian London, he finds a dinosaur causing havoc in the Thames, as well as a spate of deadly spontaneous combustions. Will Clara's friendship forged with the previous Doctor survive as they embark on a terrifying mission into the heart of an alien conspiracy? Sci-fi drama, co-starring Jenna Coleman.

**9.10 Casualty.** Zoe is feeling low about her 40th birthday. Cal steals Ethan's idea. Jeff thinks he is being followed, while Rita's behaviour starts to worry her colleagues. Last in the series.

**10.00 The National Lottery Live.**

**10.10 BBC News;** Weather.

**10.30 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Everton v Arsenal at Goodison Park and Chelsea v Leicester City at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.

**11.50 The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.

**1.10 Weather** for the Week Ahead. **1.15 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**6.35 Formula 1:** Belgian Grand Prix – First Practice. **8.15 Formula 1:** Belgian Grand Prix – Second Practice. **9.55 Live Formula 1:** Belgian Grand Prix – Third Practice. **11.10 Coast.** **11.30 The Great British Bake Off:** An Extra Slice. **12.00 David Lean:** Talking Pictures. **12.40 Film:** In Which We Serve. (1942) **Second World War** drama, starring Noel Coward. **2.30 Escape** to the Country. **3.00 Flog It!** **4.00 Final Score.** **5.30 Triathlon.**

**7.00 Proms Extra.** Jazz singer Clare Teal chats about her role in the Battle of the Bands concert, and Katie Derham is also joined by conductor Sascha Goezel and composer Mark-Anthony Turnage.

**7.45 Dad's Army.** A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring have an unusual dream in which he is Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo.

**8.15 Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings.**

Egyptologist Joann Fletcher looks at the lives of ordinary Egyptian citizens 3,500 years ago. In the first of two programmes, she explores the conditions of their tightly packed houses, how they dressed and what they ate. Joann also examines their love of poetry, their enthusiasm for interior design and what it was like to work in the Valley of the Kings. (R)

**9.15 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation.** The life of Walter Scott, the prolific novelist and poet who wrote swashbuckling tales of romance and derring-do. However, Andrew Marr reveals his lesser-known side as a political fixer who believed in a proud Scotland inside the UK. Scott brought George IV to his home country and, swathing him in tartan, created an enduring myth of Scotland as a place of romance populated by a brave race doing brave deeds, all clad in kilts.

**10.15 QI XL.** Stephen Fry presents an extended version of the quiz, and poses some unusual questions about jelly, jam and juice to Jo Brand, Liza Tarbuck, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies. (R)

**11.00 Film: Insomnia.** (2002) Christopher Nolan's thriller, starring Al Pacino and the late Robin Williams.

**12.50 Film:** The Sheltering Sky. (1990) **3.05 This Is BBC Two.**

## ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Pat & Stan. **6.10 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.20 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.25 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Animals.** (R) **6.55 Animals.** (R) **7.05 Sooty.** (R) **7.15 Neds & Monsters.** (R) **7.25 Neds & Monsters.** (R) **7.40 Mr Bean:** The Animated Series. (R) **7.55 Chowder.** (R) **8.10 Chowder.** (R) **8.25 ITV News.** **8.30 Weekend.** **9.25 The Hungry Saliors.** (R) **10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.25 ITV News;** Weather. **11.35 Film:** Columbo: No Time to Die. (1992) **1.20 Film:** The Mighty Ducks. (1992) Ice-hockey comedy, starring Emilio Estevez. **3.25 Weekend Escapes** with Warwick Davis. (R) **3.55 Film:** Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Albert Finney and the late Lauren Bacal.

**6.20 Regional Programme;** Weather. **6.30 ITV News;** Weather.

**6.45 You've Been Framed! Top Tens.** Comedian Harry Hill unveils some of his favourite comical clips, featuring shocks and surprises, madcap pets and dramatic falls, as he narrates a selection of viewer-submitted videos. (R)

**7.45 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Comedienne Jo Brand, former England rugby union player Ben Cohen and Dragons' Den investor Kelly Hoppen take turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf – and the more they collect, the better their chances of scooping the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. Last in the series.

**8.45 All Star Family Fortunes.** EastEnders' June Brown (Dot Branning) and Blue singer Simon Webbe team up with their relatives in a bid to win £30,000 for their chosen charities. Vernon Kay hosts. (R)

**9.45 Film: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi.** (1983) The rebel heroes set out to rescue Han Solo before a final decisive battle with the forces of the evil Empire. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. Continues after the News.

**10.45 ITV News;** Weather.

**11.00 Film: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi.** (1983) Cocluded.

**12.30 Jackpot247.**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00 Close.** **6.05 Trans World Sport.** **7.00 Trivial Pursuit.** **7.55 The Morning Line.** **8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.50 Frasier.** (R) **10.20 Frasier.** (R) **10.50 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.15 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.40 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.10 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.40 Heston's Great British Food.** (R) **1.40 Channel 4 Racing.** Coverage of live racing from York and Goodwood. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R)

**6.15 Come Dine with Me.** Double-glazing salesman Richard Deeping hosts the final party in Leicester, and hopes to impress with his culinary prowess before the channel is announced. (R)

**6.40 Channel 4 News.**

**7.05 The Restoration Man.** George Clarke follows Vanessa Ford Robbins and partner Nick Huddy's project to restore a Victorian gate lodge located on the boundaries of a country estate in Surrey. (R)

**8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Brighton couple Daren Howarth and Adi Nortje, who want to build an earth-sheltered home from recycled materials, based on ideas pioneered in New Mexico in the 1970s. However, land prices and planning laws have forced the pair out of England and into Brittany. To keep costs down, Daren and Adi enlist the help of unskilled volunteers to work on the house, in exchange for teaching them the construction techniques. (R)

**9.00 Film: Red Lights.** (2012) Premiere. A famous blind psychic returns to the public arena 30 years after his career ended in scandal and a suspicious death. A paranormal investigator ignores his mentor's warnings and tries to expose the spiritualist as a fraud, a task that sets him on a dangerous path. Thriller, starring Cillian Murphy, Sigourney Weaver and Robert De Niro.

**11.15 Psychopath Night.** Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts. (R)

**1.05 The Last Leg.** (R) **1.50 Homeland.** (R) **2.45 Hollyoaks.** **4.55 Phil Spencer:** Secret Agent. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** **9.55 Access.** **10.00 Hercules.** (R) **10.55 The Dog Rescuers** with Alan Davies. (R) **11.55 Extreme Nightmare Neighbours Next Door.** (R) **12.55 Film:** White Fang 2: The Myth of the White Wolf. (1994) Adventure sequel, starring Scott Bairstow. **3.00 Film:** The Wizard of Oz. (1939) Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. **5.00 Film:** Michael Jackson's This Is It. (2009) Documentary following the singer in rehearsal.

**7.10 ABBA @ 40: The Abba Years.** Documentary exploring the history of the Swedish band and the careers of Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvåus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad after their split in 1982. The film charts their rise to fame after coming together as a band and winning the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974 with Waterloo, and the success in the years that followed, in which they sold 360 million records. Featuring interviews with all four members, and a look behind the scenes at the musical Mamma Mia! that shows Björn and Benny working with the theatre team. Featuring contributions by Bono and Pete Waterman. Shown as part of Sing-a-long Saturday. (R)

**8.05 ABBA @ 40: Live at Wembley.** A recording of the Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1972.

Featuring performances of hits including Voulez-Vous, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight), SOS, Take a Chance on Me, Dancing Queen and Waterloo. Shown as part of Sing-a-long Saturday. (R)

**9.05 5 News Weekend.**

**9.10 Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of another day in the celebrity-filled house, including a chance to see the events leading up to the first eviction and what happened afterwards. Did the result go down well with all the remaining contestants, or did arguments break out in the small hours? (R)

**10.10 Rob Brydon Live.**

**11.10 Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours.** (R)

**12.10 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** **1.10 SuperCasino.** **3.10 Celebrity Big Brother.** (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00 Greg & Jen** @ Reading **8.00 Foster the People & Imagine Dragons** @ Reading **9.00 Jake Bugg & Bombay Bicycle Club** @ Reading **10.00 Arctic Monkeys** @ Reading **11.00 Family Guy** **1.40 American Dad!** **2.20 Sexy Beasts** **2.50 Russell Howard's Good News** **3.50 Close**

**BBC Four**  
**7.00 Human Planet** **8.00 Tales from the National Parks** **9.00 Inspector Montalbano** **10.50 Boogie Fever:** A TOTP2 Disco Special **12.20 Queens of Disco** **1.20 Sounds of the 70s** **2 Soul – Keep on Keeping On** **1.50 Human Planet** **2.50 Tales from the National Parks** **3.50 Close**

**ITV2**  
**11.15 Take Me Out** **12.25 Dinner Date:** Australia **1.20 You've Been Framed** Rides Again! **2.25 You've Been Framed!** Full Throttle **3.30 Film:** Nancy Drew (2007) **5.30 You've Been Framed!** **6.35 Film:** King Kong (2005) **10.00 Film:** Hostage (2005) **12.20 Film:** State of Play (2009) **2.45 Kylie Minogue:** The Hot Desk **ITV3**

**11.05 Film:** Carry On Jack (1963) **12.55 Pollyanna** **3.00 A Touch of Frost** **7.05 Lewis** **9.00 Foyle's War** **11.00 Bomb Girls** **12.00 Film:** Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case (1977) **1.25 World Kitchen** **2.15 ITV3 Nightscreen**

**ITV4**  
**12.40 Film:** Destry (1954) **2.35 Film:** Nevada Smith (1966) **5.10 The Motorbike Show** **6.15 Storage Wars** **7.15 Film:** Casino Royale (1967) **10.00 Cycling:** Vuelta a Espana **11.05 Film:** Boogeyman (2004) **12.50 Cycling:** Vuelta a Espana **1.55 Police.** Camera, Action! **2.20 Cheers** **2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen**

**E4**  
**11.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** **1.30 Film:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **3.25 The Big Bang Theory** **4.25 Melissa & Joey** **5.30 Made in Chelsea NYC** **6.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **7.05 The 100** **8.00 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Film:** Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.35 The Big Bang Theory** **12.30 Virtually Famous** **1.20 Almost Royal** **1.50 How I Met Your Mother**

**Film4**  
**11.00 Meet Dave** (2009) **12.50 X-Men: First Class Special** **1.00 Toys** (1992) **3.25 Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian** (2009) **5.30 Marmaduke** (2010) **7.15 Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (2007) **9.00 The Hole** (2009) **10.50 Underworld: Awakening** (2012) **12.30 Shutter** (2008)

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Matthew McNulty

**The Mill (Channel 4, 8pm)**  
When the strikers form a line outside the gates, William enlists a band of men to break the stand-off, joined by John's special constables. A violent confrontation follows and Daniel is arrested - but calls for the workers to keep fighting. While Esther is attending the union meeting in Manchester in his place, Susannah looks after baby Billy, who has become critically ill. Elsewhere, more information comes to light about Peter's background, but before he can learn the truth, Hannah's sickness takes a turn for the worse. Starring Kerrie Hayes, Lauren McQueen, Connor Dempsey, Mark Frost, Joshua Isherwood, Ewan Phillips, Katherine Rose Morley, Justin Salinger, Barbara Marten, Holly Kenny, Sope Dirisu and Matthew McNulty.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix. Coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **8.30** Songs of Praise. **6.05** **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** On a jungle expedition in Guyana, Steve Backshall encounters an ant with the world's most painful sting and explores below the water of the rainforest rivers. Last in the series. **6.35** **BBC News:** Regional News. **7.00** **Nature's Miracle Orphans.** Part one of two. Presenters Ellie Harrison and Max Hug Williams follow orphaned baby animals as they make steps to return to the wild. Ellie travels to Australia to meet three koalas called Tilly, Puddles and Danny, who were rescued from the roadside where their mother had been killed - Danny needs around-the-clock care and is building up his strength with night-time games of chase. She also meets a tiny wallaby called Neil whose carer Stella is worried may die from stress if they can't find him a companion. Elsewhere, wildlife cameraman Max is in Costa Rica where he gets acquainted with Newbie, a five-month-old three-toed sloth, who has suffered from pneumonia since she was rescued. He follows wildlife manager Sam at Kids Saving The Rainforest as she tries to teach the baby sloth to climb trees and learn to go back to the wild. **8.00** **Countryfile.** John Craven and Anita Rani explore the foodie culture of Herefordshire, meeting farmer Simon Cutter and his pure-bred cattle and a botanist extracting natural goodness from fields. **9.00** **The Village.** Grace becomes increasingly impressed by Bill's left-wing ideas as polling day approaches. John makes a discovery of the dairy farm and Clem finds the perfect match for Edmund. **10.00** **BBC News** **10.25** Match of the Day 2. **11.35** Match of the Day at 50. (R) **12.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00** Countryfile. (R) **7.00** Alan Titchmarsh's Gardens: Secrets. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** Coast. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** Food & Drink. (R) **1.30** Sweets Made Simple. (R) **2.00** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **2.30** Live Athletics. The British Athletics Grand Prix. **7.00** **Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Highlights.** Suzi Perry introduces action from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season took place. This was the first race since the summer break, which came after the Hungarian Grand Prix, and Daniel Ricciardo was aiming to repeat his thrilling win at the Hungaroring, while Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg resumed their duel for the title. With commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard, and analysis by Eddie Jordan. **8.00** **Dragons' Den.** More people bid to win funding for their projects from the panel, including a returning entrepreneur with an outdoor space-saving device, a golfing duo with a new take on the traditional tee, and a designer who has flipped the conventional umbrella on its head. The Dragons also come face to face with a fellow multimillionaire and the Den is filled with children's teepees. With a fair amount of game playing, gambling and bargaining taking place, will anyone manage to secure a deal? Evan Davis presents. **9.00** **James May's Cars of the People.** James explores how aspiration and new wealth inspired some of the greatest vehicles ever made and also unveils his choice of the ultimate people's car. Last in the series. **10.00** **An Adventure in Space and Time.** Drama written by Mark Gatiss telling the story of how sci-fi series Doctor Who was first brought to the screen in November 1963. Starring David Bradley and Brian Cox. (R) **11.30** **Film: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.** (2005) Sci-fi comedy, starring Martin Freeman and Bill Nighy. **1.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.05** Holy City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITY: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **6.55** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Nerts & Monsters. (R) **7.25** Nerts & Monsters. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best Horse Win. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** River Monsters. (R) **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.30** Film: Columbo Goes to the Guillotine. (1989) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point. (R) **6.35** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.45** **ITV News:** Weather. **7.00** **Come On Down! The Game Show Story.** Bradley Walsh looks at the role played by contestants in creating game-show history across the decades. He meets the team whose bizarre answers featured in one of the most memorable editions of Family Fortunes, and hears how Bulls-eye brought a new level of frustration to participants when Jim Bowen showed them what they could have won. He talks to people famous for their losing TV appearances, including the teacher labelled 'Disastermind' by the press and the founding member of the Deal or No Deal 1p Club. Bradley also joins forces with three pros to take on all-comers in a pub quiz. With contributions by Ant and Dec, Nick Knowles, Richard Osman, Vernon Kay and other small-screen stars. **8.00** **The Zoo.** The giraffe herd at Whipsnade has a new arrival in need of urgent help - the calf has problems with its legs and is unable to suckle from its mother. Last in the series. **9.00** **The Great War: The People's Story.** A young woman (Claire Foy) seizes the chance to work in arms factories, a country vicar (Brian Cox) writes about men leaving for war and a servant (Amy Morgan) falls for a soldier. **10.00** **ITV News:** Weather. **10.15** **Kids with Cameras: Diary of a Children's Ward.** **11.15** **The Cube.** A sales assistant and a police officer try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. (R) **12.10** The Store.

CHANNEL 4

**6.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** British F3. **7.05** Outlaw Triathlon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.25** Film: Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **5.40** Deal or No Deal. **6.35** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **How Britain Worked.** Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin celebrates the workers of the Industrial Revolution by recreating some of the 19th century's most impressive technical achievements. Along the way he focuses on the unsung heroes of the time - the men, women and children who worked 14 hours a day for little pay to create extraordinary marvels that changed the country for ever. He begins by overhauling a steam locomotive currently in use on the Severn Valley Railway, repairing its boiler, safety valves and one of its two-ton wheels. He also lays some track using the same methods as the notorious 'navvies' - the notorious, hard-living labourers who put together Britain's entire railway infrastructure by hand. (R) **8.00** **The Mill.** As tensions escalate during the strike, a violent confrontation leads to Daniel's arrest. Susanna looks after Esther's baby, who has become critically ill. Last in the series. **9.00** **Film: The Cold Light of Day.** (2012) Premiere. A man on a sailing holiday in Spain discovers his family have been abducted. His search for them leads him to learn that his father has been leading a double-life as a CIA agent, and has stolen top-secret information - which the kidnappers will stop at nothing to obtain. Thriller, starring Henry Cavill, Bruce Willis and Sigourney Weaver. **10.50** **Film: Skyline.** (2010) Sci-fi thriller, with Eric Balfour and Scottie Thompson. **12.35** First Time Farmers. (R) **1.30** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **2.25** The Hoarder Next Door. (R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **4.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **4.30** Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking. (R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Pappa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Highland Emergency. (R) **10.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25** Film: Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2. (2011) Premiere. Comedy, starring Marcus Coloma. **3.05** Film: Holes. (2003) Family adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf. **5.15** Film: A Cinderella Story. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray. **7.05** **Film: Legally Blonde.** (2001) A seemingly ditzy senagator is heartbroken when her boyfriend dumps her because he thinks she is not intelligent enough to help his political career. To prove him wrong she enrolls at Harvard, but finds herself out of her depth as other students do their best to humiliate her. Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Selma Blair, Matthew Davis and Victor Garber. Edited for language. **8.55** **5 News Weekend.** **9.00** **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. **10.00** **Film: Under Siege.** (1992) A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language. **11.55** **Film: Point Break.** (1991) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. **2.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Woman on the Rampage: Killing Spree. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Maverick Sabre & Clean Bandit @ Reading. **8.00** The Kooks & You 1 at Six @ Reading. **9.00** Our World War. **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** Siblings 11.15 Cuckoo 11.45 Blink 182 & Disclosure @ Reading 12.45 American Dad! 1.30 Sexy Beasts 2.00 Siblings 2.30 Cuckoo 3.00 Impractical Jokers 3.30 Sexy Beasts 4.00 Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Sunday Prom: Elgar's Cello Concerto. **9.05** Definitely Dusty. **10.05** Film: Cafe de Flore (2011) **12.00** The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill 1.00 Kate Bush at the BBC. **2.00** The Joy of Abba. **3.00** Definitely Dusty. **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.55** America's Got Talent. **2.30** Ultimate You've Been Framed. **3.30** Film: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **5.25** Film: Beethoven (1991) **7.15** Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) **9.00** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **11.15** Film: The Butterfly Effect (2004) **1.35** The Big Reunion 2014 **2.30** You've Been Framed! **3.55** Teleshopping  
**ITV3**  
**11.50** Wycleife 11.50 Film: Thoroughly Modern Millie (1967) **3.50** Film: Summer Holiday (1963) **6.00** Film: Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) **8.00** Lewis 10.00 Film: City of Angels (1998) **12.10** William and Mary. **1.20** Pollyanna **3.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale  
**ITV4**  
**6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights. **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana. **8.00** Ray Mears' Close Encounters. **9.00** Film: Spy Game (2001) **11.35** Hell on Wheels 12.50 River Monsters. **1.40** Movies Now 1.50 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen  
**E4**  
**12.30** Made in Chelsea NYC. **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **2.30** Suburgatory. **3.00** The Mindy Project. **3.30** New Girl. **4.00** The Big Bang Theory. **5.00** The 100. **6.00** Rude(ish) Tube. **7.00** Film: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989). **9.00** Made in Chelsea NYC. **10.00** Almost Royal. **10.35** The Big Bang Theory. **11.35** Virtually Famous. **12.25** Rules of Engagement  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Written on the Wind (1956) **1.00** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **2.50** Black Knight (2001) **4.40** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **6.50** 27 Dresses (2008) **9.00** The Haunting in Connecticut (2009) **11.00** Raging Bulls of Steel Justice 11.15 R100 (2013)

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**MONDAY**

**The Sorcerer's Apprentice, BBC1, 1.30pm**

A wizard living secretly in modern-day New York vows to prevent his mystical enemy from taking over the city. Realising that he is unable to complete the task alone, he recruits an ordinary teenager to be his assistant, teaching him to master the magical arts. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel and Alfred Molina. (2010)

**TUESDAY**

**Seventeen and Missing, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A mother with clairvoyant abilities is distraught when her teenage daughter goes missing. She finds herself plagued by traumatic visions of the girl's abduction, which might provide the vital clue to rescuing her, and turns to her estranged husband for help in tracking down their child. Thriller, starring Dedee Pfeiffer, Matthew Harrison and Tegan Moss. (2006)

**WEDNESDAY**

**Our Children, Channel 4, 1.10am**

A woman marries a Moroccan immigrant and together they move into the home of his adoptive father. She is left feeling increasingly isolated living a household in which they have become trapped, driving her to contemplate killing her five children. Fact-based drama, starring Emilie Dequenne, Tahar Rahim and Niels Arestrup. In French and Arabic. (2012)



**The Invention of Lying, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm**

**THURSDAY**

**The Hunted, BBC1, 11.35pm**

A traumatised special forces soldier regresses to a feral existence in an isolated area of woodland. Increasingly unhinged, he starts to pick off anyone who strays into his path, prompting the mentor who trained him in hand-to-hand armed combat to track him down before the authorities take drastic action. Action thriller, with Tommy Lee Jones, Benicio Del Toro, Connie Nielsen and Mark Pellegrino. (2003)

**FRIDAY**

**The Invention of Lying, ITV, 10.40pm**

In a world where everyone always tells the truth, a failed documentary writer learns how to lie. Since no one else knows what deception is, his most ludicrous inventions are taken at face value, making him a huge success - and ultimately leading to him starting his own religion. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais and Jennifer Garner. (2009)

# Series continues to prove a novel success

A year ago, Channel 5 brought us one of the most enjoyably bonkers fantasy sagas of the year. Based on the novel by Stephen King, *Under the Dome* was one of those glorious 'What if?'-style dramas popularised in *The Twilight Zone*.

In this case, the 'what if?' being: a hemispherical force field. It appeared out of nowhere and trapped the residents of small American town Chester's Mill. Once comparisons with *The Simpsons Movie* faded, UDT became must-see viewing for viewers who don't take their fantasy TV too seriously.

It didn't just raise questions such as 'What created the dome?' or 'Was it impassable?', but 'Would rain pass through the force field?' and 'What happened when the food and resources ran out?'

It didn't hurt that there was eye candy for both sexes, from hunky, shady ex-soldier Barbie (Mike Vogel) to flame-haired investigative reporter Julia Shumway (Rachel LeFevre).

And as every good drama needs a larger-than-life villain, *Breaking Bad*

veteran Dean Norris proved perfect as politician/used car dealer 'Big Jim' Rennie.

Okay, some Stephen King purists may have argued that it's not as good as the 2009 source novel, but given the fact most King-inspired TV strands have been a let down, it proved more compelling than most.

Series one of *Under the Dome* was bursting with memorable moments, from a cow sliced in half when the hemisphere first appeared, to the man whose pacemaker exploded in his chest. It was the show where anything could, and probably would happen.

Admittedly it wasn't perfect, but it kept many fans coming back for more week after week, and series two looks like it could be equally compelling. It picks up directly from where the first series left off.

Chester's Mill is now bathed in a blinding white light as the Dome starts to change. It becomes opaque, and starts emitting a regular electromagnetic pulse.

Pink stars have fallen in lines as a result of Julia throwing the egg into

the lake, and Barbie is awaiting execution on the scaffold after Big Jim accused him of murder.

Of course the ongoing success of this series has meant Mike Vogel's own star is definitely on the rise.

"What I love about this show, it's very real characters reacting to a very unreal event," he explains. Mike is no stranger to working in Blighty, having made a film with Jamie Murray called *The Deaths of Ian Stone*. If UDT's schedule allows, he'd love to return to the UK for a new project. "I love England and I love English actors," he explains. "There is a richness and a tradition in the craft that you get with English actors that I don't see a lot with my American counterparts. It's always refreshing to me."

New 'Dome' cast additions should help make this second run equally refreshing.

Look out for former ER star Sherry Stringfield as Big Jim's 'late' wife Pauline, while country music superstar Dwight Yoakam plays the delightfully named town barber, Lyle Chumley.



**Mike Vogel stars in Under the Dome, Monday, Channel 5, 10pm**

## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**

**Scotland Decides: Salmond versus Darling BBC2, 8.30pm**

As the people of Scotland prepare to vote in next month's referendum on whether to break away from the rest of the UK, Glenn Campbell chairs the second debate between First Minister Alex Salmond and Better Together leader Alistair Darling. The SNP leader and the former chancellor of the exchequer will lay out their competing visions for the future of Scotland in front of a specially invited audience at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow.

**Gadget Man**

**Channel 4, 8.30pm**

New series. Richard Ayoade returns with the show exploring the world of technology, from the everyday to the extraordinary. In the first edition, he takes on the worst of the British climate, braving a hurricane in a wind tunnel with the help of Tim Vine to assess the best in gust-busting gadgetry. He's also joined by Marcus Brigstocke at the Hemel Hempstead Snow Centre to pressure-test cold-weather technology.

**TUESDAY**

**Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals BBC2, 9pm**

Biologist Patrick Aryee and physicist Helen Czerski

continue their exploration of the world of animal senses by investigating sound - from the deepest rumbles to the highest squeaks - using specialised technology to detect noises beyond the range of human hearing. They reveal how alligators use low-pitch sounds to make the water around them 'dance', show what it is like to be a bat and see with echolocation, and convert a classic camper van into a giant speaker to conduct the ultimate hearing test for a herd of elephants.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Addicts' Symphony Channel 4, 11pm**

Okay, so you'd never have thought the words 'addict' and 'classical music' go well together in the same sentence, but composer and musician James McConnel is about to enlighten us as to why they do. You see, he's examining music's many transformative uses by bringing together 10 classical musicians who have all been affected by addiction - and they will be performing alongside the London Symphony Orchestra. Every musician is trying to break free of addiction - some have been sober for years, while others only a few months - and James, a recovering alcoholic himself,

wants to prove just how big a part music can play in an addict's recovery.

**THURSDAY**

**Who Do You Think You Are? BBC1, 9pm**

Irish comedian Brendan O'Carroll, best known as his alter ego Mrs Brown and star of the BBC sitcom *Mrs Brown's Boys*, tries to find out the truth about his grandfather's murder, and attempts to uncover the identities of the men responsible.

Shopkeeper Peter O'Carroll was killed in October 1920 at the height of the Irish War of Independence, and the Dublin-born actor begins his journey of discovery with only a newspaper article from the time and the words 'shot during the curfew' from Peter's gravestone.

**FRIDAY**

**Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game Channel 4, 9pm**

Cockney comic

**Who Do You Think You Are? Thursday, BBC1, 9pm**

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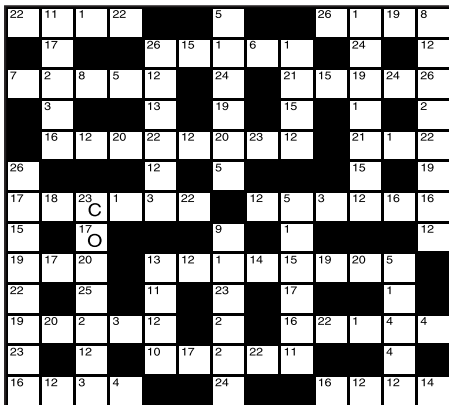
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
O	R	P	G	W	J	Q	K	T	X	D	S	Z
I	Y	B	N	F	A	H	U	L	C	M	E	V

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

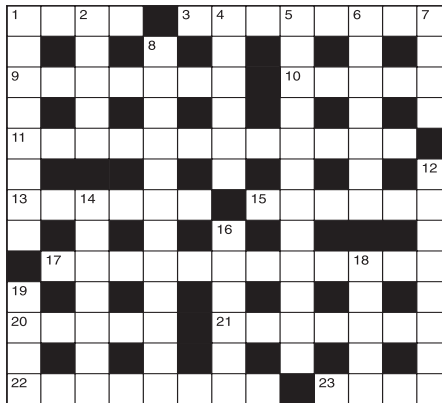
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- It's a job to send off communications (4)
- Progressive direction as far as hospital rooms are concerned (8)
- Row about the return of the doctor is disgusting (7)
- The result of an addition to the account that's endless (5)
- Could it be a film of the Scottish mountains? (8,4)
- Making observations outside the capital of Germany (6)
- Young animals found in the garbage bin (6)
- Travel voucher for the bachelor? (6,6)
- Plenty found among damp leaves (5)
- May be well patronised at play-time (7)
- An obstruction on one and all nearly producing aristocratic epithet (8)
- Those in favour of the pupils, we hear (4)

#### Down

- An inclination to write a song (8)
- A ballistic device used for supporting a member (5)
- The wettest parts of the earth (6)
- He's skilled in finding liquid assets (5-7)
- Withdraw to the monastery, maybe (7)
- Only sea-food (4)
- People on this surface are likely to use bias (7-5)
- Takes trouble about the right union members (8)
- One on an excursion is a dancer (7)
- The girl embraced by Robert Harris (6)
- Common fund for Catherine (5)
- Sounds like congestion seen at the side of the entrance (4)



### Quick Clues:

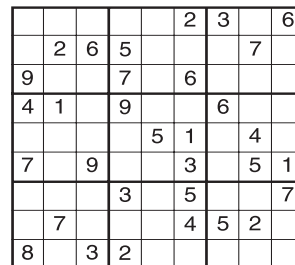
#### Across

- Select (4)
- Yielded (8)
- Warlike (7)
- Move sideways (5)
- Self-government (12)
- Unmask (6)
- Proscribe (6)
- Decline (12)
- Accumulate (5)
- Melancholy (7)
- Collapse (4,4)
- Parched (4)

#### Down

- Amalgamated (8)
- Sensational (5)
- Become less severe (6)
- Shady (12)
- Addition to will (7)
- Action (4)
- Ousted (12)
- Cheated (8)
- Be victorious (7)
- Grassland (6)
- Deduce (5)
- Stray (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	4	9	6	5	2	1	8	7
5	7	6	3	1	8	4	2	9
2	8	1	4	9	7	5	6	3
9	6	7	8	3	5	2	4	1
1	2	4	9	7	6	3	5	8
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7	9	2	5	6	3	1	4	8
6	5	8	7	4	1	9	3	2
4	1	3	2	8	9	6	7	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 The buck; 7 Music; 9 Break; 10 Look-out; 12 Legal tender; 14 The Bastille; 18 Drawing; 19 Of day; 21 Lover; 22 Lineage. Down: 1 Sharp; 2 Abrade; 3 Ace; 4 Buskin; 5 Minutes; 8 Contain; 11 Passing; 13 Chariot; 15 Bowler; 16 Lifted; 17 Laugh; 20 Wig. QUICK - Across: 6 Durable; 7 Widen; 9 State; 10 Gainsay; 12 Under stress; 14 Stage player; 18 Protect; 19 Carry; 21 Flour; 22 Collect. Down: 1 Quota; 2 Fasten; 3 Sly; 4 Winner; 5 Relapse; 8 Oarsman; 11 Respect; 13 Sterile; 15 Get out; 16 Enable; 17 Trick; 20 Joy.

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We are pleased to market this improved and well presented double glazed and gas central heated three bedroom semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance porch, through lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen and inner hallway having stairs to the first floor landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Externally there is driveway parking, integral garage and rear garden. EPC Ratings D

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A bay fronted semi detached property which has the benefit of double glazing and a gas fired central heating system. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch way, entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, a good sized conservatory and extended utility room to the ground floor whilst to the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. parking and front and rear gardens. We await the EPC ratings.

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REDUCED!! A modern three bedroom townhouse comprising to the ground floor of entrance hallway, room which was formerly the garage, shower room, utility room and bedroom. To the first floor there is the lounge, fitted dining kitchen and to the second floor two further bedrooms of which both have en-suite facilities. Externally there is driveway parking and garden to the rear. EPC - D

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**WOODSETTON,**

AN IMPROVED AND WELL PRESENTED PROPERTY REQUIRING AN EARLY VIEWING. A gas central heated and double glazed extended mid terrace property comprising to the ground floor of entrance vestibule, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, first floor landing, two bedrooms and a bathroom having a white suite. Externally driveway and garden. EPC Awaiting

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**DUDLEY,**

A MODERN TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING CARPORT AND DRIVEWAY. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hall, open plan lounge and kitchen/diner whilst to the first floor there are two bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally driveway providing parking, carport and rear garden. EPC D

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<p><b>LOWER GORNAL</b></p>  <p><b>Longfellow Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An excellent size semi-detached</li> <li>Ideal location for Gornal Village</li> <li>In close proximity to popular local school</li> <li>Lounge &amp; separate dining room</li> <li>THREE bedrooms and family bathroom</li> <li>Private rear garden &amp; off road parking</li> <li>Garage</li> <li>NO UPWARD CHAIN</li> <li>EPC Rating - B/C</li> </ul> <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £168,000</p>	<p><b>DUDLEY</b></p>  <p><b>Harvest Close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern DETACHED family home</li> <li>Favoured neighbourhood in Dudley</li> <li>Open plan style kitchen/diner</li> <li>Lounge &amp; Conservatory</li> <li>THREE bedrooms</li> <li>Family bathroom &amp; en-suite</li> <li>Garage &amp; off road parking</li> <li>Some cosmetic works required</li> <li>EPC Rating - D</li> </ul> <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £146,950</p>	<p><b>SEDGLEY</b></p>  <p><b>Crown Close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A beautifully presented end property</li> <li>Situated in walking distance to Sedgley</li> <li>Garage &amp; off road parking</li> <li>An excellent size lounge</li> <li>Recently fitted modern kitchen</li> <li>Three bedrooms and bathroom</li> <li>Rear garden</li> <li>EPC Rating - D</li> </ul> <p>ASKING PRICE £139,950</p>	<p><b>UPPER GORNAL</b></p>  <p><b>Stonepine Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A THREE bedroom semi-detached</li> <li>Quiet cul-de-sac location</li> <li>Lounge &amp; Dining Room</li> <li>Modern Kitchen &amp; Bathroom</li> <li>Rear garden with feature decking</li> <li>Separate detached Garage</li> <li>An Ideal FIRST TIME BUY!</li> <li>EPC Rating - C</li> </ul> <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £132,500</p>	<p><b>SEDGLEY</b></p>  <p><b>Lomond Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A deceptively spacious red town house</li> <li>Beautifully presented throughout</li> <li>Lounge &amp; Conservatory</li> <li>Open plan modern kitchen &amp; dining area</li> <li>Downstairs cloakroom</li> <li>Three bedrooms</li> <li>Two allocated parking spaces</li> <li>NO UPWARD CHAIN</li> <li>EPC - D</li> </ul> <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £132,500</p>	<p><b>COSELEY</b></p>  <p><b>Southall Crescent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A spacious Terrace property</li> <li>Walking distance to Train Station</li> <li>Open plan style Dining kitchen</li> <li>Downstairs w.c.</li> <li>TWO bedrooms and bathroom</li> <li>Good size rear garden</li> <li>Driveway for parking</li> <li>EPC Rating - D</li> </ul> <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £98,000</p>

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A Pleasantly positioned three bedroom family home having three generously sized bedrooms and gas central heating and double glazing to the majority comprising of a Porch, Hall, Downstairs toilet, Living diner, Verandah, Kitchen, Useful covered side access, First floor landing, Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Rear garden and Block paved drive. **NO UPWARD CHAIN**. EPC Rating E. **BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265**  
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## LOWER GORNAL



### Park Road

A Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached with further potential set in well regarded district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation provides; reception hall, lounge, store, kitchen, dining room (with patio doors). Two double bedrooms, tiled bathroom; outer through lobby, two stores & a separate toilet. Secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**  
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## LOWER GORNAL



### Orchard Grove

A comparatively spacious modernised gas centrally heated and uPVC single glazed **GROUND FLOOR** flat within reasonable walking distance of the village and all associated amenities. Property comprises reception hall, lounge, storage cupboard, kitchen with 'maple' effect units. Two double bedrooms, bath allocated garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**  
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## WOODSETTON



## Tipton Road



A substantial, particularly "unspoilt" detached interwar family residence of character for modernisation with many period features set in extensive gardens with tremendous potential. The gas centrally heated accommodation provides, canopy porch, imposing reception hall, (lofty ceiling heights & original panelling/joinery), sitting room with bay (original fireplace), through living room, kitchen with bay, understairs store, lobby (tradesman entrance) with further store & separate toilet. Gallery landing, three double bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, grounds. EPC Rating: F. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**  
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## Setton Drive



Stylish, significantly enhanced, **EXTENDED**, and enlarged, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home excellently situated overlooking countryside & within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. Superb accommodation includes; porch, reception hall, walk in store, 16' lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed **CONSERVATORY**, extended/refitted 14'8" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, further sitting/playroom with store & fitted cloakroom. **FOUR BEDROOMS**, recently reappointed bathroom with a stylish white suite. Ample parking to front, neat/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating:D **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**  
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## GORNAL WOOD



### Summit Place

An attractive, tremendously enhanced, improved & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family home with ample parking. Occupying a fine corner plot on periphery of village with tremendous views, the accommodation includes reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, transverse lounge with bay, separate dining room with patio doors, store, refitted kitchen with range of maple effect finish units and various integrated appliances. **FOUR BEDROOMS** (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite, garage, delightful gardens. EPC Rating C. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**  
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## LOWER GORNAL



### Woodland Grove

Enviably situated just off Brick Kiln Lane; an **EXTENDED**, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached with potential comprising: central reception hall, transverse lounge, enlarged dining room (with feature inglenook fireplace), store, kitchen, utility room, fitted cloaks/shower room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, lengthy secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**  
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NO UPWARD CHAIN. An EXTENDED, exceptionally spacious, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed family home envitably situated in "backwater" within level distance of Bull Ring and all associated amenities. Flexible accommodation comprises: entrance vestibule, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room, transverse recently refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, garden/playroom. To the first floor; landing, 'L' shape living/dining room, third bedroom. To the second floor; two further bedrooms, separate study, and a reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with a white contemporary style suite. Garage. EXTENSIVE PARKING, sheltered rear garden, and further side garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £185,000****PENN COMMON****Sedgley Road**

A traditional, gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in enviable situation with distant rural views. The property has been well maintained & improved by present vendors over the years, and the accommodation includes: reception hall, living/dining room with French doors out to a small conservatory, extended kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Pleasant rear aspect with ENLARGED & WELL TENDED rear garden, parking for several vehicles on large foregarden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £182,950****GORNAL WOOD****Prospect Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Envitably situated in favoured backwater with MAGNIFICENT VIEWS yet within walking distance of the village; a gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed detached with potential having generous gardens. Accommodation includes; reception hall, store, through living/dining room, kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, and extensive sheltered well stocked garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £172,950****WOODSETTON****Sedgley Road**

A delightful, meticulously maintained & exceptionally well presented, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached in established district. Accommodation provides; entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, L shape lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re tiled shower room with white suite. Neat secluded rear garden, brick GARAGE. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £162,950****DUDLEY****The Broadway**

A highly individual FREEHOLD gas centrally heated, combi boiler, and double glazed (as seen) detached popular convenient district. The redecorated and refreshed accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 22'4" through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen. Three GENEROUS BEDROOMS, reappointed/re tiled bathroom with white suite, reappointed separate toilet, garage, garden EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £154,950****WOODSETTON****Parkes Lane**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached set in quiet "backwater" being close to so many amenities. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes; entrance hallway, lounge, extended dining room, extended 'L' shape breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom. Garage (presently sub-divided to form a store, and a further utility room with toilet off). Low maintenance gardens, and tremendous DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****LOWER GORNAL****Coleridge Rise, Straits**

Envitably situated within reasonable walking distance of so many day-to-day amenities, country park, bus route etc.; a gas centrally heated, mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential in popular district. Accommodation includes; reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****DUDLEY****The Broadway**

An EXTENDED, spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached occupying WIDER THAN AVERAGE PLOT in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises; enlarged porch, reception hall, dining room, lounge, extended 18'2" kitchen, and the former garage has been sub-divided to create a utility room & fitted shower room (access through hall). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Extensive parking (11' width from former garage gable to boundary at side). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Birmingham New Road**

A COMPREHENSIVELY REFURBISHED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been tremendously modernised & upgraded in recent months to an exemplary specification. Accommodation provides fitted porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, refitted kitchen, three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, garage & further store. Block paved driveway/parking to front, neat rear garden with further brick store. Mining search available. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £149,950, NOW £139,950****SEDGLEY****Bilston Street**

DOUBLE GARAGE AT REAR! A deceptively spacious freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed semi detached excellently positioned within walking distance of Sedgley's bulring and all associated amenities. A number of period features have been retained/enhanced. Accommodation comprises traditional reception hall, store, dining room with open fireplace, transverse lounge with open fireplace, inner vestibule and superb 17'1" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units. Two (potentially three) bedrooms, bathroom, secluded sheltered rear garden and substantial concrete panel 20ft x 17ft contractors garage. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £132,750****LOWER GORNAL****Ellowes Road**

Conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached former police house in established district. Accommodation includes; reception hall, dining room, lounge, upgraded kitchen with a range of 'oak' effect units, lobby, store, separate w.c. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Gated driveway to a large garden, TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. EPC Rating: D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £124,950****DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

An ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached in popular/established district. The conscientiously maintained accommodation comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, through 28'6" living/dining room with two bays & patio doors, extended 16' kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, boarded loft with sky light. Off road parking (kerb dropped), and lengthy sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £119,995****SEDGLEY****Turfs Street**

IDEAL STARTER HOME! A delightful, significantly modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed cottage excellently situated within walking distance of so many amenities, and also open fields. Stylish accommodation provides' 20'7" through living/dining room, transverse kitchen with a fine range of units. Two bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom with white suite. Neat sheltered well tended rear garden with decking. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £114,950****SEDGLEY****Braemar Close, Northway**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A uPVC double glazed & part gas centrally heated (not tested) intermediate "starter home" set in cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, kitchen, 'L' shape 18'1" living/dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Price: £114,950****Wordsley****£10,000 REDUCTION****Marshall Crescent**

Forming part of the Heritage Buildings at Crystal Mead, an exciting new development constructed by Shropshire Homes in 2012, this STYLISH INDIVIDUAL PERIOD FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT offers SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, superb 'L' shaped open plan lounge with dining area - attractively appointed kitchen with integrated appliances, DOUBLE BEDROOM with fitted wardrobe, spacious classic white bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying ALLOCATED CAR PARKING together with SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING and being further enhanced by the remainder of the NHBC BUILDMARK WARRANTY. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£99,950****SEDGLEY****Rowan Road**

A part uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), intermediate "starter home" that has been conscientiously maintained over the years, but now requires a little sympathetic updating. Set in well regarded/established district, the accommodation includes; porch, entrance hall, through living room, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite, outer lobby with utility room, w.c. & store. Sheltered rear garden, potential off road parking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £97,950****COSELEY****Redwood Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, intermediate "starter home" in quiet cul-de-sac within reasonable distance of railway station & so many other amenities. Accommodation provides; living/dining room with feature contemporary fireplace, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Sheltered "low maintenance" rear garden, allocated parking. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £96,950****DUDLEY / HOLLY HALL****NEW PRICE****Stourbridge Road**

This Victorian style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, TWO BEDROOM mid Terrace may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Wet Room, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£74,950****UPPER GORNAL****Kinfare Rise**

A conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed First Floor flat most conveniently situated in quiet "backwater" within walking distance of so many day-to-day amenities. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, hallway, cloaks cupboard, central landing, two double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom. Drive (kerb dropped), allocated "low maintenance" garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £72,950****WOODSETTON****Roper Walk**

A uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), first floor flat envitably situated adjacent to and over looking adopted open space with DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation comprises reception hall, store, 17'3" living/dining room, breakfast kitchen, double bedroom with wardrobes, bathroom, shared grounds and allocated parking. EPC Rating D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £71,950**





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**FOR SALE £224,950**  
Detached House Includes: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms, En Suite, Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Off Road Parking.

#### WORDSLEY



#### THE POPLARS

**FOR SALE £145,000**  
Semi detached with No Upward Chain comprises of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Rear Garden, Integral Garage, Driveway.

#### BRIERLEY HILL



#### FOXDALE DRIVE

**FOR SALE £62,500**  
Purpose Built Flat. An Ideal First Purchase with No Upward Chain. Close to Brierley Hill High Street and Merry Hill complex. Comprising of: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Off Road Parking, Communal Grounds.

#### BRIERLEY HILL



#### FOXDALE DRIVE

**FOR SALE £79,950**  
Well Presented Freehold Cluster Style House To Include: Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Benefitting from: Front Garden, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing.

#### WALL HEATH



#### FOUNDARY ROAD

**FOR SALE £194,950**  
Beautifully presented semi detached property. Comprising of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking.

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#### MURDOCH DRIVE

**FOR SALE £214,950**  
Coach House Style Property in popular cul de sac. Includes: Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Four Bedrooms, (Master with En Suite), Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Garage, Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.

#### WORDSLEY



#### MEADOW HILL DRIVE

**FOR SALE £179,950**  
Well Presented, Modern Freehold Town House Includes: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms (En suite to Master), Family Shower Room. Benefits from: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden.

#### LOWER GORNAL



#### TEMPLE STREET

**FOR SALE £99,950**  
Character Freehold Mid Terrace Property with No Upward Chain. To Include: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Benefits from: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Long Rear Garden.

#### BRIERLEY HILL



#### BROMPTON DRIVE

**£575 pcm\***  
First Floor Flat, Good sized Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking to rear.

#### COSELEY



#### LILIAN GROVE

**£575 pcm\***  
End Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Garden, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking.

#### PENSNETT



#### PRIMROSE PARK

**£550 pcm\***  
Modern Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Garden to Rear, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking.

#### DUDLEY



#### DIBDALE STREET

**£585 pcm\***  
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Loft Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Unfurnished.

#### RUSSELLS HALL



#### MERRYFIELD ROAD

**£550 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens.

#### NETHERTON



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**£200 pcm\***  
Shop premises on main road position (kiosk style)  
£200 pcm Lease term negotiable  
Main Road Position

#### NETHERTON



#### WORCESTER ROAD

**£575 pcm\***  
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#### FOXDALE DRIVE

**£460 pcm\***  
Cluster style property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front Garden.

#### STOURBRIDGE



#### RIDGE GROVE

**£595 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens.

#### GORNAL



#### BARR STREET

**£545 pcm\***  
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Unfurnished, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating.

#### BROCKMOOR



#### HIGH STREET

**£495 pcm\***  
Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Rear Garden, Unfurnished.

#### KINGSWINFORD



#### GRANTLEY CRESCENT

**£825 pcm\***  
Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Area, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.

#### HALESOWEN



#### BLOOMFIELD ST WEST

**£550 pcm\***  
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden.

#### WOLLASTON



#### KINGSWAY

**£550 pcm\***  
FIRST FLOOR FLAT, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Maintained Communal Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.

#### HALESOWEN



#### ATTWOOD STREET

**£525 pcm\***  
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazed, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Rear Garden.

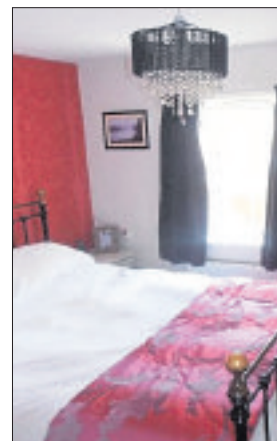
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It has double glazing and gas central heating. The entrance hall with stairs and doors to a garage, WC, utility room and study/bedroom four. On the first floor is a lounge area and a kitchen/diner. The second floor has three bedrooms, and a bathroom. There is also a driveway and gardens.

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**Dudley**  
**Yarner Close**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




Situated on the desirable Milking Bank Estate & conveniently located in a cul-de-sac location this good size four bedroom detached house has a lot of space to offer. Briefly comprising, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with utility room off, downstairs wc, ensuite to master bedroom and family bathroom, rear garden, garage and large driveway to the front.

**£249,950**

**Dudley**  
**Londis**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




Located on Wellington Road. Price to include a new lease, good will, fixtures and fittings at £49,500, plus stock at valuation £15,000 approx.


Rental of the shop reduced to £800pa exclusive of rates for the first 3 years with a rent review at that time and thereafter every 3 years

Rental of the shop and the accommodation above reduced to £11000 pa exclusive of rates for the first 3 years with a rent review at that time and thereafter every 3 years National Lottery licence and off licence

**£49,000**

**NETHERTON**  
**Park Road**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



ATTENTION INVESTORS!! This property has stacks of potential & priced realistically!! Briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen area, bathroom, two bedrooms, rear garden. No upward chain!

**£45,000**

**Netherton**  
**St Peters Road**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




● LARGE GAMES ROOM TO THE REAR ● NO UPWARD CHAIN ● Three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising entrance hall, large lounge/dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, large rear garden with a games room and a driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended! epc ordered

**£124,950**

**Dudley**  
**Dibdale Street**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




A exceptionally well presented and stylish period two bedroom terraced house. Improved to a very high standard and having a mix of period features this property is a MUST VIEW! Briefly comprising hallway, a bay fronted lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, landing, TWO large double bedrooms, white bathroom suite and garden to the rear. No upward chain!

**£109,950**

**Tipton**  
**Leveson Drive**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**





A modern two bedroom mid terrace property offering no upward chain. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, white bathroom suite, rear garden and driveway to the front.

**£94,950**

**Netherton**  
**Bobbington Way**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

Improved and maintained by the current owner this property is a must view. A lot bigger than it looks and having two DOUBLE bedrooms! Also comprising entrance porch, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite, rear garden with access to the garage and driveway to the front.

**£105,000**

**DUDLEY**  
**Ripley Grove**



A beautifully presented two bedroom detached coach house benefiting from a garage and private rear garden. Also comprising entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, white bathroom suite. Driveway to the front of the property. EPC Ordered

**£114,950**

**Dudley**  
**Hawthorne Road**

**NEW PRICE**




Three good size bedrooms! No upward chain! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs bathroom, rear garden with decking area and off road parking to the front.

**£80,000**

**Tipton**  
**Wednesbury Oak Road**

**NEW PRICE**




● No upward chain ● Detached garage ● This three bedroom property offers spacious accommodation and briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/dining room, laundry room, family bathroom, rear garden, detached garage & driveway.

**£140,000**


**BILSTON**  
**Whitegates Road**



Realistically priced!! This three bedroom detached really is a must view!! Briefly comprising lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom with a separate wc, rear garden, garage and a driveway. EPC = G

**£135,000**

**Tipton**  
**Wood Street**




An amazingly presented beautiful family home located within walking distance to local shops and good transport links with Tipton train station within walking distance. This property really is a must view!! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front.

**£140,000**

**Dudley**  
**Pearce Close**




A beautifully presented two bedroom semi detached house. Having newly fitted kitchen and shower room and benefiting from a low maintenance rear garden. Briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, L-shaped lounge/dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, shower room, rear garden and driveway to the front of the property.

**£109,950 o/o**

**Oakham**  
**New Rowley Road**

**PROPERTY OF THE WEEK**




This is a unique detached dormer bungalow with never ending accommodation which briefly comprises of lounge, sitting room, conservatory, kitchen, a lean to housing utility items, basement/garden room with extra storage area, bathroom to ground floor, a shower room to the first floor, two double bedrooms, driveway and a beautiful staggered garden with far reaching views. It really is a wow property and must be viewed.

**£200,000**

**DUDLEY**  
**Bradfield Way**



● SHOW HOME STANDARD ● A recently constructed two bedroom semi detached house. This property offers generous accommodation which includes reception hallway, guest WC, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, lounge, two DOUBLE bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor. Driveway to front, rear garden having a paved patio area & garden shed. Gas central heating and Upvc double glazing. Viewing is highly recommended!

**£119,950**

**ROWLEY REGIS**  
**Bullfields Road**



A spacious family home in a cul-de-sac location with double glazing and central heating, having a lounge to the front, a modern, refitted kitchen to the rear, leading to a separate dining room with access to the rear garden. Upstairs has three good sized bedrooms with a modern bathroom/WC with separate shower. EPC D

**£109,950**

**PENN**  
**Bryan Avenue**



Presenting an attractive cottage style detached family residence offering deceptively spacious and versatile accommodation to include: Open Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Open Plan Family Room/Dining Room, Kitchen, Four Bedrooms (master with en-suite bathroom) and a Shower Room. The property benefits from radiator central heating and UPVC double glazing (both where specified), landscaped rear garden, gravelled front driveway and a garage with utility area and WC. Conveniently located on the popular south west side of

**219,950**

**TIVIDALE**  
**Alexandra Way**

**TO LET**



One bedroom ground floor flat. Has open plan lounge & kitchen. Kitchen includes cooker & fridge. Bathroom with electric shower. Double glazing. Unfurnished. Dss considered with guarantor. EPC-D

**£375 PCM + Fee's**

**Tipton**  
**Elizabeth Walk**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




A one bed, first floor flat in a convenient, pleasant location. Open plan layout with bedroom, shower and separate WC. Garage and off road parking. Unfurnished, available long term. No pets. No DSS. No smokers. EPC D

**£390 PCM + Fees**

**DUDLEY**  
**Wolverhampton**

**TO LET**



A modern one bed first floor apartment in the centre of Dudley. Fitted kitchen/dining room/lounge, good sized bedroom, bathroom/WC with mixer shower over the bath. Dss considered with guarantor. EPC D

**£415 PCM + Fees**

**HALESOWEN**  
**Juniper Rise**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A pleasant, 2 bed apartment having central heating and partial double glazing. Lounge, fitted kitchen and a double and single bedroom. Bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Off road allocated parking, unfurnished, available now. EPC D

**£425 PCM + Fees**

**DUDLEY**  
**Priory Street**

**TO LET**



A one bedroom house, open plan lounge with modern fitted kitchen. Bedroom and bathroom. Available to view now. DSS considered with guarantor. EPC G

**£435 PCM + Fees**

**DUDLEY**  
**Attingham Drive**

**TO LET**



A modern, ground floor one bed apartment, open plan dining/lounge/kitchen, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Available part furnished or unfurnished, allocated parking. Available for viewing now. No DSS. EPC C

**£450 PCM + Fees**

**RUSSELLS HALL**  
**ES-TATE**

**TO LET**



Spacious 1st floor 2 bedroom flat located near to Russells Hall Hospital. Large lounge, fitted kitchen includes oven. Bathroom with shower. Part double glazing. Unfurnished. Gas central heating. Off road parking. No Dss. EPC C

**£460 PCM + Fees**

**Bilston**  
**Westley Street**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




Brand new one bedroom apartment. Open plan lounge and fitted kitchen to include integrated oven & hob. Bedroom with en-suite includes bath & walk in shower. Allocated parking space. Unfurnished. No pets. No Dss. Available to view. EPC C

**£460 PCM + Fees**

**DUDLEY**  
**Sandyfields Road**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



Two bedroom 1st floor maisonette. Lounge, fitted kitchen which includes oven. Brand new bathroom with walk in shower. Unfurnished. Economy 7 storage heating. Lovely garden and single garage included. No dss. No pets. EPC D

**£475 PCM + Fees**

**DUDLEY**  
**Ruiton Street**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A two bed modern apartment, double glazing and central heating, parking to the rear of the building. Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Master bed with en-suite. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets. EPC B

**£525 PCM + Fees**

**TIPTON**  
**Ferguson Drive**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



Modern two bedroom 1st floor apartment. Lounge with sofa, Fitted kitchen with appliances included. Bathroom with shower. Main bedroom including furniture, part furnished, allocated parking & secure entry. No dss. No pets. EPC C

**£525 PCM + Fees**

**TIVIDALE**  
**Asquith Drive**

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A modern, furnished, 2 bedroomed semi-detached property. Having two parking spaces, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge-diner to rear with access to garden, downstairs WC. Bathroom upstairs. No DSS, no pets. EPC C

**£550 PCM + Fees**



# One L of a pick-up

By David Banner

## The L200 does the lifestyle pick-up thing better than any other model.

It offers more adventurous styling and high spec versions called Warrior and Barbarian with lots of equipment. The underlying vehicle is more of a mixed bag. Build quality and road manners could be better but the L200 is manoeuvrable, tough and looks like good value for money.

Whichever L200 model you choose, and there are quite a few of them, there's a 2.5-litre common-rail injection diesel engine up front doing the hard work. In standard form, this engine turns in a healthy 134bhp and torque of 314Nm at 2,000rpm but a high power option is also available that tickles the output up to a macho 175bhp with 400Nm at 2,000rpm in manual form. This latter unit is capable of hitting 62mph from standstill in 12.1s before rumbling on to a 111mph top speed.

The less powerful L200s take 15s to reach 62mph and will eventually attain 103mph. The five-speed manual gearbox comes as standard but a five-speed automatic is also offered that features a Sport mode.

The L200 rides on a no-nonsense ladder frame chassis with multi-link front suspension and heavy duty leaf springs at the rear. It's the standard set-up in the pick-up world and what it lacks in finesse on the tarmac it makes up for in strength and ability in the rough. Pick-up ride quality always leaves something to be desired compared to 4x4 passenger cars but the L200 doesn't do too badly.

Some pick-ups have entry-level front-wheel-drive versions but not the L200. Whether it's the Easy Select 4WD system on the entry-level models or the Super Select 4WD set-up on the

range-topping versions, all have all-wheel-drive. Easy Select models should be run in 2WD mode in normal conditions with a locked 4WD mode selectable on low friction surfaces.

The Super Select is an advanced full time 4x4 set-up similar to that found in Mitsubishi's Shogun. It allows the L200 to be driven in 2WD or fulltime 4WD mode on the road without the excessive wear and tear suffered by part time systems as a result of transmission wind-up. In slippery off-road situations, a further 4WD mode can be selected which maximises traction by locking the centre differential. Both of the systems are operated by the traditional and rather clunky lever sited alongside the gear stick which seems slightly dated when compared to the dash-mounted dials used by rival manufacturers.

## Extensive

There are three basic bodystyles to mull over. The single cab is reserved very much for businesses that need a proper old school working pick-up. Its traditional two seats and extensive 2,220mm load length mean it prioritises cargo over cabin and it's only offered in the base trims. The second option is the Club cab. This is for single cab customers who might occasionally need to transport more than one passenger. It offers a 1,805mm load length with additional capacity behind the cabin's front seats for secure storage or to seat a couple of small ones.

Most L200 customers opt for a double cab body, a variant offered in any trim level you like. This is a four-door five-seater model with a decent amount of legroom for the rear passengers and seat backs angled at a comfortable 25 degrees. There has to be a compromise for this extra passenger space and it comes in the shape of a modest 1,325mm load length in standard guise. The solution is the Long Bed version of this model with an extra 18cms of load length.



Whichever L200 bodystyle you choose, it will have a 1,085mm load width, a capacity to carry in excess of 1,000kg and a 2,700kg braked trailer towing limit.

The L200 trim level range reflects its goal of catering for business and private buyers. You have 4Work models at the base of the range equipped only with the basics. That means CD stereo, steel wheels, and the basic Easy Select 4x4 system. 4Life is a little plusher with air-conditioning, electric windows and keyless entry but still has the utilitarian feel. Beyond that, we reach the high series L200s, double cab versions dubbed Warrior and Barbarian. These

are the bigger sellers and the models that really crossover between business and pleasure usage.

All of the high series L200 models feature the M-ASTC traction and stability control system as standard which is a really useful addition. The Warrior also features 17" alloy wheels, body-coloured wheel-arches, cruise control and climate control.

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# Marking a milestone with two specials

By Sharon Walters

**SsangYong presented a fully refreshed range for 2014, and with registrations up by some 154 per cent on last year, is now one of the UK's fastest growing marques.**

With every car in the line-up being covered by an industry leading five-year limitless mileage warranty and representing such great value, perhaps that level of performance is not so surprising.

The brand first arrived in the UK 20 years ago, and to celebrate 60 years of vehicle production, SsangYong has introduced two special limited editions, one based on its popular Korando crossover and the other on the Rexton W 4x4.

All Rexton W 4x4 models are currently being offered with three years free servicing. This includes the Rexton W SX, EX and EX automatic models as well as the CSX commercial, and registered by September 30, 2014.

Combined with the existing market leading five-year limitless mileage warranty that protects all SsangYong cars, this brings three years free servicing (or three services, whichever comes sooner), giving customers complete peace of mind.

The Rexton W range is also currently available with 0 per cent finance from participating dealers.

## Comforts

Built on a steel ladder chassis and with a three-tonne towing capacity, the new SsangYong Rexton W is a serious off-roader and tow-car, yet with all the equipment and creature comforts expected of an urban cruiser. It is powered by SsangYong's own 2.0 litre Euro 5 turbo charged e-XD1200 diesel engine.

Taking the Rexton EX specification, the special 60th anniversary edition adds front parking sensors, an electric sunroof, heated seats front and rear, a power adjustable passenger seat, DAB satnav and is finished in pearl white lily metallic paint.

Available with either six-speed manual or five-speed Mercedes-Benz T-Tronic automatic transmission, prices range between £21,995 and £27,495, with the commercial at £18,495 (ex VAT).

The Giugiaro designed Korando is already noted for its great value, high level of equipment, interior space and two-tonne towing capability, and has been given a makeover inside and out, as well as enhanced driving refinement.

Externally, the front received an all-new treatment that included a slimmed down, black mesh radiator grille, contemporary projection headlights and LED daytime running lights, while the interior was given a significant re-design that included a completely revised dashboard. Great advances in reducing NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) have also been made.

## Modern

The new Korando is powered by a modern yet well-proven 2.0-litre Euro 5 turbo diesel engine. There is a choice of power outputs, manual and automatic transmission, and two wheel drive or 4x4.

Based on the four-wheel drive Korando ELX4, the special 60th anniversary edition adds 18in diamond cut wheels, an electric sunroof, rear spoiler and chrome detailing, and is completed with a pearl white lily metallic paint finish. It is available with either manual or automatic transmission.

Korando prices start from just £14,995. The new SsangYong Turismo is almost without competition. At over five metres long and with a three-metre wheel-base, the car is larger than a standard sized MPV, yet is a car rather than a van-derived 'people carrier'.

Consequently its huge interior space and flexible passenger and load carrying capability means it can carry seven adults and 875 litres of luggage, through to two adults and 3,146 litres of load space.

Designed to appeal as family, leisure and business transportation, this new car blends multi-role flexibility with great ride comfort and the appointments and equipment levels of a luxury saloon.

The Turismo is powered by SsangYong's 2.0 litre turbo charged e-XD1200 diesel engine, and there's a choice of six-speed manual and five-speed Mercedes-Benz T-Tronic automatic transmission, and with the EX model, selectable 4x4 with low ratio as standard. All models offer an impressive 2.5-tonne towing capability, and prices start from just £17,995.

The Korando Sports brings a new level of refinement to the pick-up market, blending the suspension, engine and cabin finesse of a passenger car, with the silhouette, space and seating for five that's typical of a double cab, and the rugged workmanlike ability of a commercial pick-up.

This new Korando Sports will appeal to those who need a working vehicle, the practicality of four-wheel drive, the towing capability to haul up to 2.7 tonnes yet also the appointments of a family car.

There are two models to choose from, and both are extremely well appointed.



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# Mokka - a practical choice

By James Parker

**Mokka buyers are people likely to be enthusiasts for life rather than for cars. So they may not care that this car isn't quite as sharp and wieldy as a rival Nissan Juke, nor does it have the 'big SUV' polish of a comparable Skoda Yeti. Instead, there's a potentially pleasing compromise between the two.**

Under the bonnet, there are three main engine options, the most affordable, as ever, being the least desirable of the trio, the 2WD-only 115PS petrol 1.6-litre variant which, with only 155Nm of torque, needs to be rowed along a little with the gear

lever – a stick that only offers you five speeds.

A better bet for petrol people is the Mokka we tried, the 140PS 1.4-litre turbo. Sixty is just 9.4s away enroute to 118mph, so it's usefully more rapid, and there's a healthier 200Nm of torque. Despite all this and the standard inclusion of 4WD, the provision of a 6-speed gearbox and more modern mechanicals mean that this pokier 1.4 is actually cheaper to run than the feeble 1.6.

The most practical engine choice though is the one most buyers will probably select, the 130PS 1.7-litre CDTi diesel capable of a top speed of around 116mph and rest to sixty in around 10s.

## Pulling

You get all the main mechanical choices with this unit – so you can specify your car with 6-speed manual or automatic transmission and with or without 4WD. Perhaps more importantly, you get a lot more pulling power – 300Nm in all. Every Mokka is theoretically capable of towing a braked trailer of up to 1200kg in weight, but this diesel variant is the only one that'll take such a task in its stride.

Under the skin are the underpinnings of a supermini – more specifically, the Chevrolet Aveo, mechanicals Chevrolet has also used in its Trax small lifestyle Crossover that's one of this Vauxhall's sharpest rivals. In the back, the rear seats benefit from wide opening doors that simplify the fitment of a child seat, though that sharply rising waistline might restrict the view out for smaller occupants. As for luggage room, well, there's no high boot lip to negotiate and beyond it lies 356-litres of space.



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**'Most telling comparisons come when you begin to stack this Mokka up against something more conventional**  
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So, this Mokka's a small, trendily-styled five-door little SUV/Crossover isn't it? Well yes. So it'll be priced directly against the other car we tend of think of in this market sector, Nissan's Juke, won't it? Well, no. Vauxhall points out – correctly – that their car is a significantly larger thing – hence the price span for the range that lies in the £16,000 to £24,000 bracket. To put that into perspective for you, that means you'll be paying a price premium of around £2,500 for this Mokka over an equivalent Juke.

Perhaps the most telling comparisons come when you begin to stack this Mokka

up against something more conventional. Why, for example, would you buy a conventional 1.6-litre petrol-powered Vauxhall Astra hatchback when a Mokka with the same engine would save you £1,500 and offer more luggage space?

If, having considered all of this, you decide that it is indeed a Mokka that you actually want, then you'll be pleased to find that whichever of the five-door models you choose – 1.6-litre petrol 2WD, 1.4-litre petrol turbo 4WD or the 1.7-litre 130PS CDTi diesel in either drive configuration - it'll come well equipped.

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# Defeat is blow to hopes for title

**Tales from The Bratch**  
BEACON'S Staff Clubs Premier Division title hopes suffered a blow as they slipped to a 14-run defeat at leaders Pelsall.

Having won the toss and opted to bowl, off-spinner Richard Wissing bagged 5-57.

Seamer James Fildes chipped in with 3-38 as Pelsall were dismissed for 185.

But that total proved just beyond Beacon despite the efforts of Michael Brooks.

He top scored with 88 but lacked support with only Wissing (25) offering much resistance as Beacon fell for 171 in reply.

Beacon's second and third teams both suffered comprehensive defeats. The seconds went down by a 148 runs at Pelsall.

Harry Hodgetts took 4-55 and Matthew Cartwright 3-46 as Pelsall piled up 240.

Beacon's batting folded in reply as they were bowled out for 92. Jon Forster top scored with 27.

The third XI also endured a miserable day with the bat as they lost by 128 runs to Wombourne.

Matthew Baker picked up 3-42 as Wombourne posted 188-6. Beacon were then shot out for 60.

# Ladies hold on to lead in 9-goal thriller

**Halesowen Ladies 5**  
**Wednesfield 4**

THE Yeltz squad faced Wednesfield, who are two leagues above them in the Regional Premier, for a pre-season friendly.

Sophie Richards found Rachel Letford unmarked and she placed the ball past the stranded keeper.

Within 20 minutes the home side were two up through Lyndsey Glover.

Richards scored a deserved goal late on in the half.

Within three mins Yeltz striker Sian Whithall scored making it 4-1.

Wednesfield scored from a penalty.

Halesowen made it five with Claire Wilson with a run through midfield.

# Wright targets two big wins for safety

**SKIPPER** Greg Wright urged his Himley side to keep the faith after their Birmingham League Premier Division survival hopes suffered a blow at home to Walmley.

The hosts, who are bottom of the division, had been eyeing maximum points against a mid-table opponent.

But their nine-run defeat leaves them 33 points from safety with five games left to play, and Wright conceded that his side probably need to win both of their forthcoming games over the bank holiday weekend to give themselves a fighting chance of survival.

**Cricket**

But he added: "We have got to keep believing. We have got Brockhampton at home on Saturday and then Knowle & Dorrige away on Monday, and if we win both of those we give ourselves a chance.

"It was disappointing on Saturday because it was a big game for both teams and we knew we needed to win probably four of our last six, so to lose the first of those six was a big blow.

"We should have won it, we should have

knocked them off but we are coming up short in one or two departments each game and on Saturday it was our batting."

Himley's Danny Smith took 4-21 against Walmley who were bowled out for 143 but the hosts then slumped to a nine-run defeat with Wright and Jamie Harris top-scoring (25 each).

Meanwhile Kidderminster improved their own survival chances with a two-wicket win at home to fellow strugglers Walsall.

Jordan Stynes top-scored for the visitors with an unbeaten 42 in a total of 189-9 but the hosts got home with two balls remaining.

Stynes helped Walsall back from 56-5 but Neil Pinner (39), Matt Pardoe (38) and Andy Siwicki (33) did just enough to see Kidderminster to a victory which takes them 29 points clear of danger. Walsall meanwhile are 20 adrift of third-bottom Dorrige as a result of that loss.

At the other end of the table Premier Division leaders West Bromwich Dartmouth kept themselves on course for the title with a three-wicket victory over Knowle & Dorrige, now fourth.

Dartmouth restricted K&D to 214-7 with Aqsad Ali taking 3-45.

# Dorgan's strike is killer for Lockmen

**Dudley Sports 0**  
**Willenhall 1**

A Matt Dorgan wonder strike won an absorbing West Midlands Premier game for Willenhall at Dudley Sports.

Michael Clark, Andre Calder, Joe Noel and Ryan Ward all had efforts in the first 20 minutes without threatening a goal.

As the half wore on Sports took control of play but failed to threaten a goal, the closest either side came was Willenhall's Jack Pottinger's overhead kick which rattled the home team's crossbar, while Tony Clift fired over in a breakaway for the visitors, but Sports were the more threatened when keeper Ben Holden denied Jonathan Letford with a fine save on 62 minutes.

The winner came a minute later and what a score it was.

Tom Turner's knock down bounced perfectly for Dorgan and he absolutely hammered his strike, flying over Dominic Richards' head and in from almost 30 yards.

Turner then fired wide a minute later and Pottinger and Ward also went close but generally it was stout defending that kept out the home side and a couple of excellent blocks from keeper Newton.

# Bragoli's late score earns Yeltz a point

**Halesowen 1 Skelmersdale 1**

**DANNY Bragoli's last minute equaliser gave Halesowen the share of the points in a feisty encounter against Skelmersdale United.**

Halesowen made three changes to the side that featured against Black Country Rangers last week, with Peter Till, Joe Hull and star Elliott Turner all starting, while Joel Kettle, Aaron Griffiths and Neil Mackenzie were reduced to the bench.

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# Irvine has lifted mood, says Brunt

**CAPTAIN** Chris Brunt says boss Alan Irvine has lifted Albion's spirit from rock bottom.

The 29-year-old says the atmosphere at the Hawthorns is a "million times" different from that of last season when the Baggies campaign was marred by a host of off-field problems.

Brunt says the spirit in the dressing room had "pretty much died" toward the end of last season and had credited head coach Irvine with reviving it.

"He deserves a lot of credit," said Brunt.

"His sessions have been great, the training has been brilliant and the lads have been really up for it so that's credit to him, Rob and Keith."



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## Glassboys notch up first win in league

**Stourbridge 2 Whitby 1**  
STOURBRIDGE came away from this match with a fully-deserved win for their first game in the Northern Premier League.

It was never in doubt who was the better side, although Stourbridge left it late to wrap up the game despite having chances.

Visiting keeper Shane Bland also denied them several times. Jordan Fitzpatrick gave Stourbridge the lead on 19 minutes from close range after an excellent run down the left from Ben Billingham.

Former Baggies forward Kayelden Brown was a powerhouse for Stourbridge in the first half and saw a shot hit the side netting.

Whitby saw their chance to get back in the game at the start of the second half, Craig Farrell trying a half volley which hit a defender before Liam Shepherd gave them an equaliser on 52 minutes, shooting from the edge of the area.

Bland continued to be a thorn in Stourbridge's side, twice denying Billingham and Kristian Ramsey and Dickson headed wide.

But the winner that the Glassboys deserved came on 83 minutes when Billingham's run down the right saw him cross for Sean Geddes, whose shot went into the net off a defender.

## Glassboys in 7-goal thriller

**Ilkeston Town 3 Stourbridge 4**  
SUPERSUB Chris Knight scored a dramatic winner for Stourbridge in a seven-goal thriller.

Kayelden Brown handed the visitors a fifth minute lead which took them into the break.

And it took just seven minutes of the second half for Jordan Fitzpatrick to double the advantage.

Midway through the second half Kane Richards reduced the arrears.

With 15 minutes to go Leon Broadhurst slotted home from a corner but this sparked the Ilkeston fight-back with Richards netting his second of the game before Rob Duffy levelled from the spot.

But there was still time for the Glassboys to make it back-to-back wins, half-time substitute Knight finding the net.

## Heathens are buzzing for double header

CRADLEY are buzzing ahead of next Tuesday's double-header at Monmore – according to boss Will Pottinger.

The Heathens are on target to finish top of the National League table for a staggering fourth time in five seasons after a brilliant win at Mildenhall on Sunday with a patched up side.

They were without Steve Worrall and Paul Starke who were on Premier League duty – and reserve Danny Phillips suffered shoulder and hip injuries riding at Workington the previous night.

But a stunning display by 16-year-old se-

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serve Nathan Greaves inspired the team to victory at their bitter rivals.

And Pottinger says with Starke and Worrall back for both meetings next Tuesday – against King's Lynn at 7.15pm followed immediately by the return clash with Mildenhall – the team are on a high.

He said: "We are looking forward to every meeting with the way things are going at the moment, so we can't wait for the double header next week."

"We are pretty much guaranteed a play-off place now, but we know it's important to be on form when it comes to the play-offs."

"And we want to consolidate our position at the top of the league to make sure we have first pick of opponents and also keep our confidence high."

"We will be looking for two more big wins against King's Lynn and Mildenhall in what will be two tricky meetings."

"They are both strong teams who are capable of causing us problems, so we will need to be on top of our game."

"Hopefully we will be at full strength, and

if that's the case we have to be confident we can come away with six more points."

"We are on a great winning run but we can't afford to get complacent, and we'll be hoping for two more good performances at Monmore next Tuesday."

"It's going to be a busy night of action and we are all looking forward to it."

Admission next Tuesday is £14 adults, £10 concessions and children are free. Readmission tickets from last week's abandoned match with Mildenhall are valid with a £3 supplement for adults and £2 concessions.

## Tividale start off with style

**Lincoln United 1 Tividale 3**  
TIVIDALE marked their first Evo-Stik League game with a 3-1 success at Lincoln Utd.

Lincoln dominated the first 30 minutes.

The visitors grew into the game though, and went into half-time in the lead, as a Zac Foster free-kick on 39 minutes from 40 yards deceived everyone and looped over the head of United keeper Robert Peet.

Twelve minutes into the second half the scores were level though, as Lincoln won a free-kick and a dead-ball cross from the left was missed by the yellows' defence, leaving an unmarked Sean Wright to tuck away a neat header. Tividale then took the game by the scruff of the neck.

Substitute Jordan Archer made an almost immediate impact.

Two minutes later he latched on to a ball down the left flank. He outpaced his defender and squared for Mitchell Botfield to coolly sidefoot home past Peet. Archer was again the key man for the third in injury time, beating the offside trap and Peet to the ball before nudging it past him.

## Two late goals set up replay

**St Andrews 2 Tipton 2**  
TWO goals in the last five minutes earned Tipton Town an FA Cup replay after a 2-2 draw at Leicester-shire side St Andrews.

Sam Taylor scored from a penalty. Callum Garis added a second.

But Courtney Pitt buried a header before Alex Ford set up the replay.

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# MILLERS GRIND OUT LUCKY WIN

Rotherham 1 Wolves 0

**RYAN Hall's winner occurred against the run of play in what was the Millers' solitary chance of the entire second half.**

It came too late for Wolves to rally as they slipped to an undeserved defeat. But such is the nature of the Championship.

The losing feeling is unfamiliar for Wolves after just one defeat in their final 21 games last season en route to the League One title.

And there is a sense of injustice given that the visitors' efforts should have yielded at least a point.

The two defeats on the bounce, to Northampton and now Rotherham, had an eerie similarity as Kenny Jackett's men dominated on each occasion but failed to win.

### Resistance

Credit must go to the Millers' stoic resistance, but after wasting several fine first-half chances Wolves' openings dried up.

Their attacking ingenuity has, in the last two games, given a little cause for concern but general play means there should not be any long-term worries.

In the early knockings of the season there have been plenty of positives – the glimpses of Rajiv van La Parra, Nouha Dicko's appetite and Bakary Sako's underlying quality, and the front three will only improve.

But there is a sense that Wolves are just warming up and the back-to-back defeats have been unfortunate and

### Football

undeserved. Dicko and Sako missed their best opportunities in the first half before a robust Rotherham side tightened their ranks after the break.

Yet Wolves have shown enough to prove they can progress in the Championship.

A week of frustration was capped in Yorkshire, although there were few signs of the future danger as Wolves took control early.

Danny Bath escaped a big handball shout after just two minutes, although the ball seemed to strike his shoulder.

Aside from Paul Taylor striking the bar on 21 minutes, that was the biggest worry the visitors had in a dominant first half.

There was always the sense that, if Wolves got the opener, Rotherham would crumble – but it never came.

That was despite Adam Collins' best efforts in the home goal as the keeper went AWOL on more than one occasion. Every time he redeemed himself though, especially on 14 minutes when he brilliantly denied Sako twice.



Rajiv van La Parra making the running but Wolves still couldn't come back with a point

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